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"GERMANS HAVE NOT DARED TO LAUNCH GENERAL OFFENSIVE"

Allied Forces Await The Issue With Increased Efforts

DEATH OF DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS

FAMOUS ACTOR, PRODUCER

SANTA MONICA (CALIFORNIA), Dec. 12 (Reuter).—The death has occurred of Douglas Fairbanks, Sen., the motion picture producer and star, after a heart attack.

Born in Denver, Colorado, U.S.A., of American parents, he was educated at Public Schools, the Colorado School of Mines and Harvard University.

Douglas Fairbanks began his stage career with Frederick Warde, Shakespearean actor, when a young man. Playing in many stage offerings, Fairbanks finally became a Broadway Star and in 1915 entered pictures with D. W. Griffith, scoring an instant success in *The Lamb*.

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FOUL PLAY IN WU PEI-FU'S DEATH CLAIMED

CHUNGKING, Dec. 12 (Central).—A recent arrival in Shanghai from Tientsin substantiated earlier reports of foul play in the death of Gen. Wu Pei-fu.

The general, according to the informant, died under most mysterious circumstances when both his personal physicians, one a foreigner and the other a Chinese, were not in attendance.

Another significant fact is that a few days before his death, Gen. Wu was once again approached concerning a new puppet government.

In his last moments, it is said, Gen. Wu warned his close associates at his bedside never to become Japanese puppets, and asked them to report to the Central Government of his unflinching loyalty to his country.

DESPERATE BATTLE BY FINNS TO PREVENT A HUMAN CATASTROPHE

COPENHAGEN, DEC. 12 (REUTER).—THE HELSINKI CORRESPONDENT OF THE BERLINSKE TIDENDE WRITES: "The Finnish northern division is now fighting a desperate battle to prevent one of the greatest human catastrophes in the history of the North."

"If the Russians succeed in breaking the Finnish defence line it will mean a million civilians will be chased out of the country to the frozen Gulf of Bothnia because this will be the only way of escape."

OVERWHELMING FORCES
Special to the H.K. Daily Press
HELSINKI, Dec. 12 (Havas).—An official communique states that the

TOMMY IS BACK FOR CHRISTMAS

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—The first batch of British troops on Christmas leave arrived yesterday. They are mostly married men who were among the first of the B.E.F. to go abroad. They will have a break of ten days.

There will also be Christmas leave for some officers and men of the R.A.F. in France and if ship movements do not prevent, the Navy will also get Christmas leave, or rather part of it.

All those on leave were given free travelling vouchers.

LONDON, DEC. 12 (BRITISH WIRELESS).—A LETTER FROM GENERAL GAMES, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE ALLIED FORCES, INCLUDED IN A SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY TO THE BRITISH EXPEDITIONARY FORCE BY GENERAL VISCOUNT GORT, V.C., COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF BRITISH FIELD FORCES, CONTAINS THE FRENCH COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S ORDER OF THE DAY TO THE FRENCH ARMY.

"Soldiers of France. In my order of the day, dated October 14, I warned you to be prepared to face a general offensive by the Germans which we then considered imminent. On October 16 their preliminary action was started but our dispositions prevented any developments."

"Since then we have seen the Germans increase their preparations but up to now they have not dared to launch the general offensive. Meanwhile, await the issue with increased efforts."

BRITISH SUCCESS

PARIS, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—The British troops had another successful skirmish with the enemy yesterday, writes M. Charles Morice, when British troops came into action against three German sections.

M. Morice states, "It was a bad business for the enemy who dragged many of the wounded back into their lines."

"Our Allies suffered no losses. This action was expected owing to the artillery fire with which the Germans frequently attacked the British positions in the last few days."

A Berlin High Command communique states that isolated reconnaissance flights were carried out over England yesterday.

GREAT SATISFACTION

PARIS, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—The news that British troops are now occupying a sector of the Maginot Line was hailed with great satisfaction by newspapers.

NAZI TROOP MOVEMENTS

PARIS, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—German troop movements at the Luxembourg end of the front line are reported. Inhabitants of a number of villages there have been ordered to evacuate.

Developments Are Expected At Geneva

WHEN IS TIME FAVOURABLE TO LEAGUE?

LONDON, Dec. 12 (BWS).—Although the time allowed for Russia's reply to the League appeal does not expire until 6.50 p.m. developments in the meantime are expected at Geneva.

Newspaper comment here, while unanimously agreeing that Finland's case is exactly one with which the League exists to deal, it must also be admitted that conditions of the time could hardly be less favourable for effective exercise of the League's authority.

The Daily Telegraph says, "Britain and France find themselves in full agreement on the line to be pursued and it is not surprising that that agreement extends as far as the wish that this meeting of the League should finish quickly as it cannot be effective."

GERMANY'S GUILT
Recalling with approval the emphatic terms in which M. Blum has pointed out that for the outrage against Finland, Germany's guilt is, at least, as great as that of Russia, the Daily Telegraph says, "It was Hitler who contrived Stalin's crime against the liberty and independence of a small and unoffending neighbour and it is by Hitler's consent and connivance that he pursues his purpose."

"It may be hard saying but it is true that in present pass the situation will not be saved by moral indignation. The martyrdom of Finland is a spectacle enough but what is now at stake is something even more hardly to be borne—the very martyrdom of man."

PAINT PROSPECTS
GENEVA, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—The special committee set up yesterday to draft a resolution on Finland's appeal continued its work this morning. No meeting of the Assembly was fixed for today.

Prospects of a favourable or even temporising reply from Moscow are considered to be extremely faint.

WILL IGNORE NOTE
MOSCOW, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—The League's message on the subject of Finland has not yet been announced here and it is generally anticipated that the Soviet will ignore the Note or withdraw from the League.

It is considered unlikely, having regard to the very moderate success in the Finnish campaign, that the Soviet could withdraw their forces without serious loss of prestige nor it is felt they could abandon the so-called People's Government which they had established in Finland.

The Spanish Military Mission has left Barcelona for Italy, says a Reuter report.

CHINA AND THAILAND RELATIONS

CORDIAL EXCHANGE OF GREETINGS

An important step towards the cultivation of more friendly relations between China and Thailand was taken recently through an exchange of greetings between Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and the Premier of Thailand, according to a report from Bangkok.

Generalissimo Chiang's message, which was prominently displayed in the Thailand papers, emphasised the close relations between China and Thailand arising from geographical propinquity and economic necessity.

In view of such close relations, China and Thailand would undoubtedly together form a stabilising force in the Orient, the message added.

OVERSEAS CHINESE

The message asked the Thailand Government to accord adequate protection to the lives and property of the overseas Chinese there who were all law-abiding and diligent and had no other purpose than carrying on their legitimate trade which added to the peace and prosperity of Thailand.

The reply of the Thailand Premier took cognisance of the friendly relations between the two countries since ancient times and asked Generalissimo Chiang to rest assured that the Thailand Government will give full protection to the Chinese.—(Central News)

Sanyo Maru Not "Test" Case

Special to the H.K. Daily Press

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 12 (Havas).—The Japanese steamer, Sanyo Maru, carrying German goods, will be permitted to pass through the Allied blockade following negotiations at present going on between the Japanese and British authorities, since the goods carried by the Sanyo Maru were purchased before November 27.

The authorities denied that the Japanese intended to use the Sanyo Maru as a "test" of the Allied determination to enforce the blockade of German exports.

SPEEDIER BUSINESS

LONDON, Dec. 12 (BWS).—Brief experience has shown that the process of examining neutral vessels for German exports under the Order-in-Council, which came into effect on December 4, is a speedier business than the general examination of incoming ships for contraband destined for Germany.

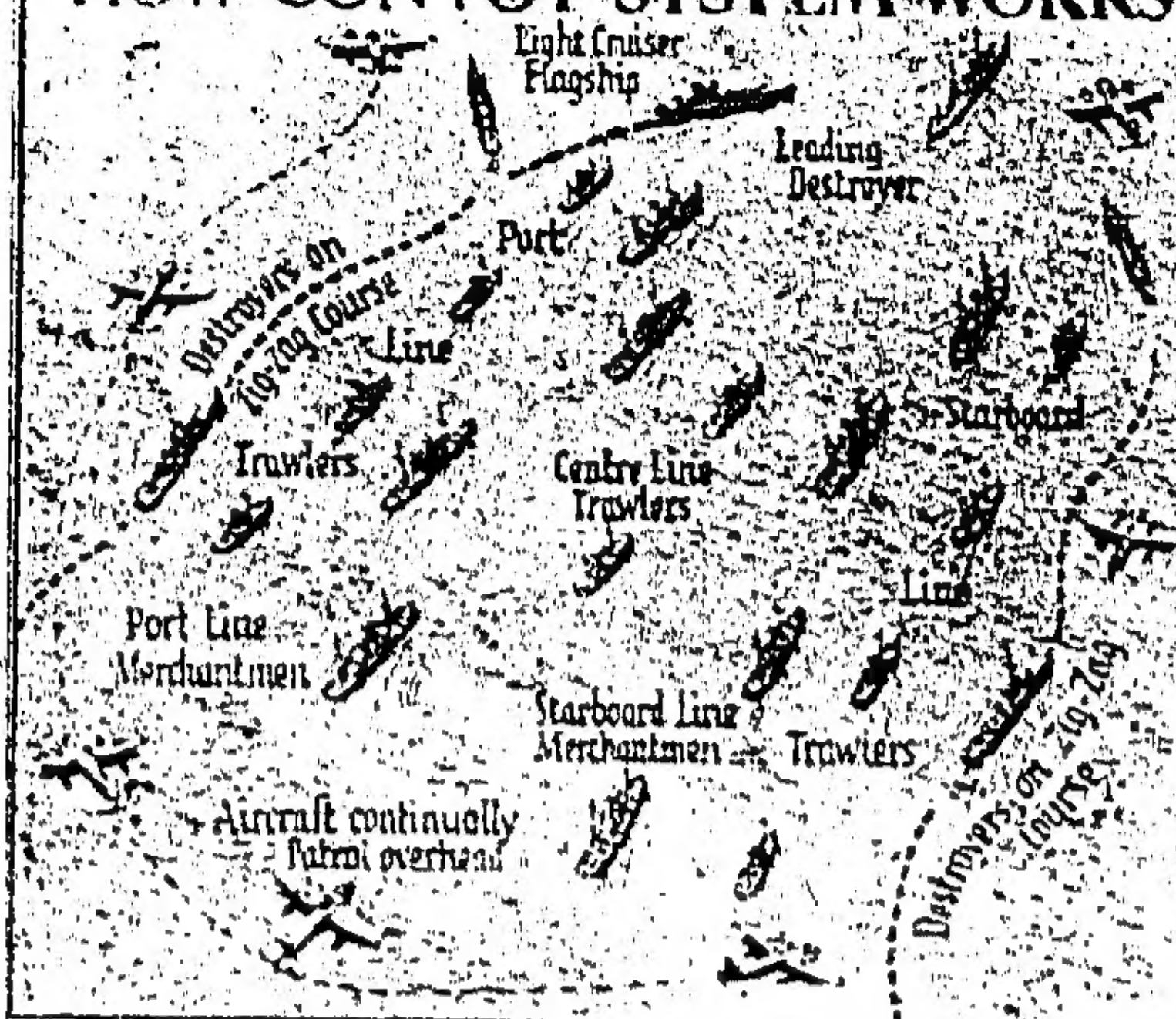
Although during the past few days a number of outward bound neutral vessels have been intercepted and examined in the Downs, Weymouth and Kirkwall, so far only small quantities of goods of German origin have been detained and turned over to the Prize Court.

SURRENDERED TO CROWN
LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—Two German ships which had been seized by the British Navy had been ordered to be surrendered to the Crown by the Prize Court.

SPAIN RESERVES RIGHTS
PARIS, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—The Spanish Ambassador has presented a Note to the French Government reserving Spanish rights regarding the seizure of German exports.

BELGIAN DECREE
BRUSSELS, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—The Belgian Government in a decree forbids Belgians allowing their ships to be chartered by their nations.

HOW CONVOY SYSTEM WORKS



CHINA WAR:

JAPANESE FORCES ROUTED ON KWANGTUNG-FUKIEN BORDER BY CHINESE

HINGNING, KWANGTUNG, Dec. 12 (Central).—The Japanese and puppet troops which recently invaded Chaonan, a town on the South Fukien border, from east Kwangtung, have been routed.

After the recapture of Chaonan, on Dec. 7, Chinese militia units in Fukien chased the enemy across the provincial border and, after establishing contact with the Chinese troops in East Kwangtung, they delivered further blows.

The Japanese and puppet troops are now reported to be retreating to their warships anchored in Taichingwan Bay at the eastern tip of the Kwangtung coast.

500 CASUALTIES

It is estimated that at least 500 casualties were inflicted and 200 Japanese and puppet soldiers taken prisoner. In addition, numerous puppet troops surrendered.

A report from Yaoping, east Kwangtung, states that Huang Tawel, so-called commander of the Japanese-sponsored "National Reconstruction Army," who supports Wang Ching-wei and his "chief of staff" Lin Wen-yuan have been captured by militia units under the command of Magistrate Chen of Yaoping.

PUPPET CAPTURED

CHUNGKING, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—A Chinese dispatch from Foochow received here yesterday states that in the fighting in Chaonan, which is reported

WOUNDED SOLDIERS BACK TO FRONT

KWEIYANG, Dec. 12 (Central).—Eleven wounded soldiers who recently recovered from their injuries at the Kweichow military hospital have applied to return to the front. Their names have been placed in the honour list and they will be sent to the front again.

to have been recaptured by the Chinese on Dec. 7, "an important puppet leader, named Lin Chi-yuan, was captured by the Chinese troops."

According to Chinese reports, the Japanese had intended to set up a puppet Government in Fukien with Lin Chi-yuan as head of the Civil Administration.

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ABOUT YOUR EYES

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THREAT TO KILL HITLER

Ultimatum Of 100 Days

BERLIN, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—The German Freedom Station, in a broadcast, comments on the discussions at the League meetings and stated that what had caused the Soviet invasion of Finland was the course taken by Hitler.

The announcer threatened an assassination against Hitler and gave him an ultimatum of 100 days to surrender Germany to the German people and stop the war.

If he complies he may leave the country alive, but if he does not he will be killed.

OIL DISPUTE: INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION

Special to the H.K. Daily Press
WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (Havas).—State Department officials stated that the petroleum dispute between the United States and Mexico may be submitted for international arbitration.

It is admitted that the negotiations between the Mexican authorities and the American oil concerns have reached a deadlock.

A unilateral evaluation of expropriated property will be undertaken by Mexican experts within 60 days if the American oil companies do not send experts to Mexico City before midnight tonight.

ESTONIAN AND GREEK VESSELS SUNK

—STOCKHOLM, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—The Estonian steamer *Kassari* was sunk by a submarine, believed here to be Russian. The crew were saved.

FOUR LOST

OSLO, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—The Greek steamer *Garoufalia* (4,708 tons) was torpedoed and sunk by an unknown submarine off the Norwegian coast, while en route to Kirkenes to collect a cargo of iron ore for Holland.

Twenty-five members of the crew were saved and four are believed to be lost.

Enormous Construction Programme Compensates British Navy Losses: Many Units Nearing Completion

LONDON, Dec. 12 (BWS).—The enormous Naval construction programme, which has been greatly increased since the outbreak of the war, more than compensates the losses suffered by the British Navy. Nearly one million tons of warships are now under construction and many important units are nearing completion while the anti-submarine forces have already more than trebled since the war began.

As was announced by the First Lord of the Admiralty all losses suffered by enemy action are announced at the earliest possible moment. These losses to date are the Royal Oak, Courageous, destroyers Gypsy and Blanche and one submarine, representing 55,649 tons displacement.

In addition, the armed merchant cruiser *Rawalpindi* and four small minesweepers, totalling 18,396 tons gross, have been lost.

There is evidence of growing German anxiety in view of the situation resulting from these facts and it is significant that in a recent broadcast to Italy, a German claim that her Navy had been strongly reinforced was supported by a statement that the Austrian Danube flotilla had been incorporated. This consists of two river patrol vessels and a few motor

British merchant shipping losses due to enemy action since the war began totalled 82 ships at the end of November with tonnage of just under 300,000. Losses were the highest in September and there was a decline in October when offensive measures against U-boats and defensive measures for convoy came into operation.

There was a further decline in November, when the losses represented only one-third of those in September and despite the fact that intensive German mine-laying began in mid-November.

As already reported, merchant shipping sunk in Home waters during December 2-9 period, totalled 23,432 tons which, with the Doric Star sunk in the South Atlantic on December 3 made the week's total losses 33,516 tons.

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In the World of Sports

CRICKET NOTES

When Eric Mitchell And Blaker Beat University

Recreio Batsmen All Get Runs To Defeat H.K.C.C.

BY "E. U. ROPES"

I was rather surprised that so many of the Recreio batsmen got going against the Cricket Club on the Chater Road ground on Saturday. The Club attack was steady, if not brilliant, to begin with but after a couple of the Gosano clan got going Albert Rodrigues came in for a hard hit 46 not out and the innings was eventually declared closed with the score at 192 for 6.

G. N. Gosano played some very pretty shots in his innings of 50 odd runs, some of his drives being particularly well-timed efforts. He also brought off a couple of first class cuts and this innings of his at the local Headquarters should give him any amount of confidence—not that he is lacking in that as it is!

Recreio had first lease of the wickets and the one thing about their innings in this particular game is that most of those who batted got runs. As a general rule this is left to two or three individuals. It was a very welcome change and I was very pleased with it as some of the Recreio bats are prone to depend too much on their "stars" and this good all-round display should do a lot towards making the team's chances of retaining the championship brighter.

SLOW BOWLER NEEDED

The team that is representing Recreio now is as near perfect as they perhaps can make it. What they need badly is a really good slow bowler—preferably left-hand, to bowl opposite Eddie Gosano or "Ozo" Ozoilo. As it is too much expected of these two bowlers though Rodrigues is in the happy

position of having a few change bowlers at his disposal. Some years ago the University was where the most interest was taken in cricket. That was when Arthur Rumjahn was captain of the Varsity. Then for a few years the Indian Recreation Club was where cricket, cricket and more cricket was the general order of the day. Now, it appears, the only place where any interest is really being taken in the game is at the Recreio, and good luck to them for it!

"NEW SENIORS" IMPRESS

Playing for the first time as an official first Division team the University did well to hold the Indians, to a draw at Pokfulam. The Indians had first lease of the wicket and put up 157 with Ahmed Madar, "Putty" Ismail and Abu Bakar as the chief contributors. I noticed a new name, N. Khana, in the batting order but though I have not yet seen this latest recruit, I was given to understand that so far from being a new-comer to local cricket he is very much a veteran!

For the University, W. S. Gagg and Syed Mahmood both bowled well. The latter is a nephew of the Rajah of Perlis, one of the Malay States, and is, therefore, the only Royal cricketer in the Colony. Educated in the Penang Free School, he arrived here last September to join the University. He is a medium-slow right hand bowler whose main asset is a steady length with a bit of a break from the off. A safe field, he should make a name for himself in local cricket.

CLUB JUNIORS FAIR

At Happy Valley the Club juniors failed badly after dismissing the Police for 102 runs and were badly beaten. It was interesting to see C. Blaker playing again after all these years. When I was still in school I remember watching Blaker and Eric Mitchell giving the Club a ten-wicket win over the University one fine Saturday afternoon by scoring 180 odd runs between them. Mitchell has played regularly since but it's a long time since Blaker turned out.

Civil Service lost to Craigengower on their own ground but as I did not see anything of this game I shall refrain from making any comments.

MATCH POSTPONED

The Volunteers were originally to have played the Indian Recreation Club at Sookunpoo this Sunday but the game has been postponed. Reason for this, I understand, is because the I.R.C. premises have been booked for a wedding reception—M. el Arculli, the I.R.C. first eleven cricketer is getting married, to Miss Z. Hamet. Congratulations, therefore, are in order and here's wishing the couple a long, happy and prosperous partnership.

SPORTING FIXTURES

TODAY

BADMINTON.—League, B Division, V. R. C. v. St. Andrew's; Kowloon Tong v. St. Teresa's; King's College v. K.C.C.

HOCKEY.—1st XI v. Club de Recreio 1st XI, at Hongkong Hockey Club Ground, 5 p.m.

LAWN BOWLS.—Talkoo Club Lawn Bowls, 3.15 p.m.

POLO.—Kildare Cup Tournament, 3.30 p.m.

RUGBY.—Club A v. Royal Scots (Club), 4.45 p.m.

SHOOTING.—Hongkong Rifle Association's Weekly Spoon and Practice Shoot, at Kowloon Ctry, 1.45 p.m.

Young Player—Father's Amazing Request

An unusual case has been reported to the Football league by a First Division club.

It concerns a young player who has been nursed by the club for a year or two. During that time he has worked in the club's office, learning shorthand, typewriting and office routine.

Each day he has done some training. At week-ends he has played in minor games. All the time he has been paid the maximum allowed. His travelling expenses have been defrayed by the club.

"The youngster is now seventeen. The time has come for signing him as a professional. Trouble has arisen.

The boy's father has told the club that before he will let his son sign the club must set the family up in a shop.

I have heard of some tall requests being made in similar cases. Clubs have had to find fathers jobs. Once it was a grandfather who had to be found employment. The latest beats the band.

Naturally enough, the club affected smells another club behind this request. Hence the report to the League.—Thompsons.

Wingers Spur Tottenham

Tottenham Hotspur ... 3 Millwall ... 0 Tottenham's wingers, Medley and Sargent, scored the three goals that beat Millwall, and there was no doubt that the Spurs were full value for their victory.

They had a great pull at inside forward, where Hall and Duncan were always scheming to advantage. Millwall showed up better after the interval without seriously troubling the Spurs' defence.

McLeod, a late choice for Millwall at centre forward, worked hard, but he rarely proved dangerous. Walsh, who began at inside right, but played most of the time at inside left, missed one "glit-edged" chance.

Late in the second half he broke away on his own, but after drawing Hooper he allowed Burgess to beat him on the goal line.

Medley gave Tottenham the lead in the seventh minute with a splendid shot. His second goal, seven minutes from the finish was a well-timed header from a centre. The third goal came almost immediately afterwards, Sargent scoring with a long-range effort.

ROTHERHAM HOLD OUT

Rotherham ... 1 Chesterfield ... 1 Chesterfield, playing the more powerful football, took the lead in less than five minutes. Milligan scoring.

Later, however, it was as much as they could do to keep Rotherham out. The United did the bulk of the attacking but had little luck.

Hooper got the equalising goal from a penalty after Clarke had looked certain to score. Clarke was carried off with a suspected fracture of the collar-bone.

ROVERS LOST CHANCES

Bristol Rovers ... 2 Newport Co. ... 3 Bristol's midfield play was good, but their forwards lacked finish. After 12 minutes' play Duggan put Newport ahead with a clever goal, and Carr nearly increased their lead.

A few minutes later Woodward obtained possession and easily beat the goalkeeper with a hard drive. Two minutes from half-time Robbins regained the lead for Newport.

Newport held an advantage in attack. Carr and Owen being most prominent, while Low and Webb did best in defence.

Barber (Everton), the Rovers' outside right, was given few opportunities, but he managed to equalise ten minutes from the end. In the closing stages, however, Robbins regained the lead for Newport.

WHAT ARE THE QUALITIES OF A FOOTBALL CAPTAIN?

Now that the captains and the kings (of football) have arrived, it might be as well to take a look at a few of the captains—and inquire into the reasons for them being just what they are, writes a Home correspondent.

What are the qualities that make a fellow the obvious captain of a football team? The question arises with the suggestion that Eddie Hapgood, England and Arsenal, is nearing the end of his captaincy days.

Now, I personally think and I doubt if it ever, really happens that such days are a long pens; but, if it does, then there is something wrong with the captain. Any one of them worth a shilling takes complete charge on the field as soon as the game starts, dictates his side's play and sees that pre-match tactical plans are carried out.

If I were the manager of a League side, or an international selector, I would play Hapgood, even if he had only one leg, because of his magnificent spirit.

Why, I remember him in the Balkans. In the first few minutes of one of the matches he got a kick on the leg that would have sent many a player I know groaning to his bed.

Not Eddie. He played on with one sound leg and his big heart. Without his encouragement at Belgrade our team might easily have fallen to pieces. That is the captain's spirit, and that is what Eddie Hapgood has got in a higher degree than any Soccer captain I know in the game today.

Managers and directors place a great deal more store in their captains than you'd be led to believe. There is a lot of clap-trap talk of instructions being flashed from the directors' box to the touchline and thence to the field.

"If Grimsdell was captain of the side," said Rudd, "I needn't have talked than you'd be led to believe. There is a lot of clap-trap talk of instructions being flashed from the directors' box to the touchline and thence to the field.

"He wasn't just the fellow who spun the coin and then, lapsed back to forward, Birmingham even

LADIES' TENNIS

In the first round of the Colony Women's Singles Tennis Championship, Mrs. Litton beat Miss M. Griffiths 6-3, 6-2, at the U.S.R.C. ground yesterday, while Mrs. Chiu beat Miss Greig 6-2, 6-3, at the C.R.C. ground.

back into the side. He was captain, guide, coach and friend to every one of his players all the way through the game—and the best side a referee ever had."

Well, Eddie Hapgood is in that class. So is Jock Thomson, of Everton—why, Thomson's effect on the rest of the team is so extraordinary that Everton, even if they don't have him in the side at first owing to his car smash injury, will carry him as non-playing captain.

STERLING FELLOW

Alf Young, of Huddersfield, is another sterling fellow with all the captain's temperament; so is Jimmy Guthrie, of Portsmouth. Would Portsmouth have won the Cup last season if it hadn't been for Guthrie's first-minute decision to take command of the Wolves' left wing? I assure you they would not.

Stan Cullis, of Wolves, may develop into the ideal with a year or two more experience. At the moment he seems to be rather temperamental for the big occasion. But he has the spirit all right and the confidence in himself to take charge. He will come.

They've experimented with captains in all parts of the field from back to forward, Birmingham even

Lord Derby's 'Lack Of Education'

The Earl of Derby, speaking at Liverpool, declared that he was practically uneducated.

"I have picked up a thing or two since, but I never could learn a single word of Latin or Greek," he said.

Lord Derby questioned the wisdom of mass production methods in education, and added:

"I know that if on the racecourse you try to run a second-class horse against a first-class horse you are not doing any good to either."

Lord Derby was educated at Wellington College, and became a Lieutenant at the age of 20.

had Harry Dibbs as captain from goal. Players will tell you that the ideal place for a captain is centre half, where he can be all the time with the play, and where he has the best chance of getting among it and changing its course.

Your captain generally has to be a good shouter—most of them can make themselves heard from one end of the field to the other—and if you show me a good football player with plenty of confidence and a quick judgment tied up to a pair of leather lungs, then I'll show you a good captain. Watch for yourself on Saturday.

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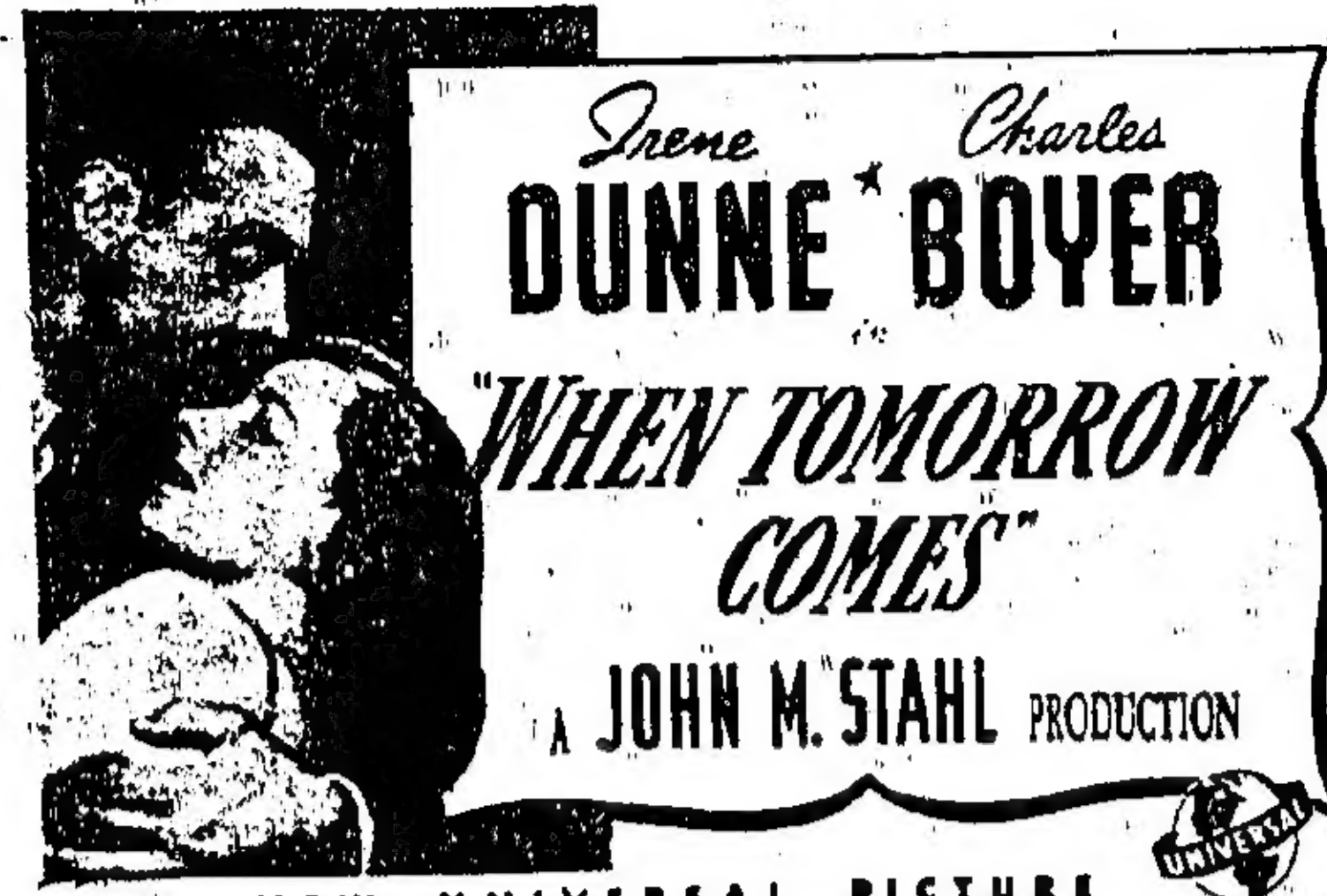
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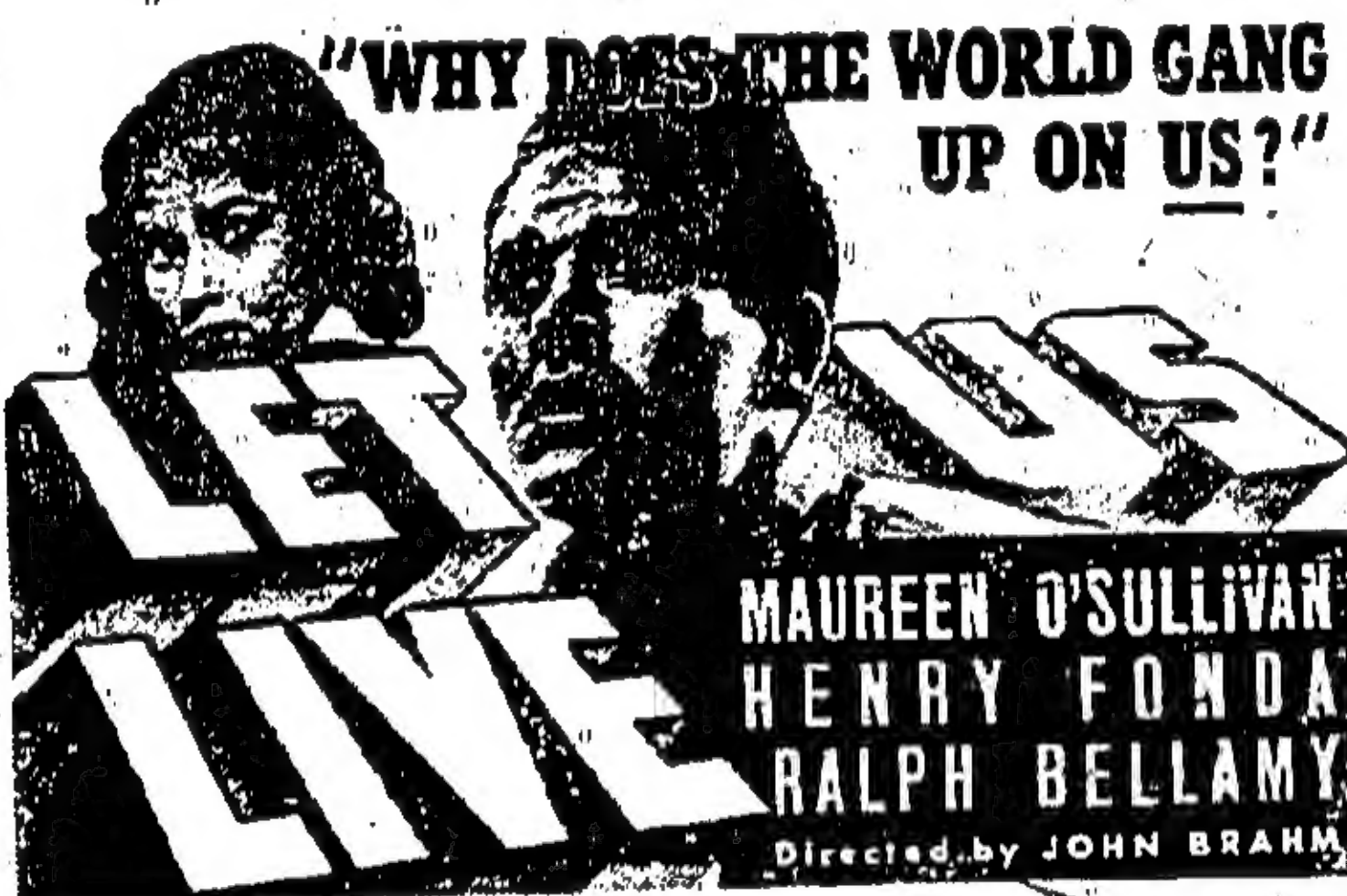
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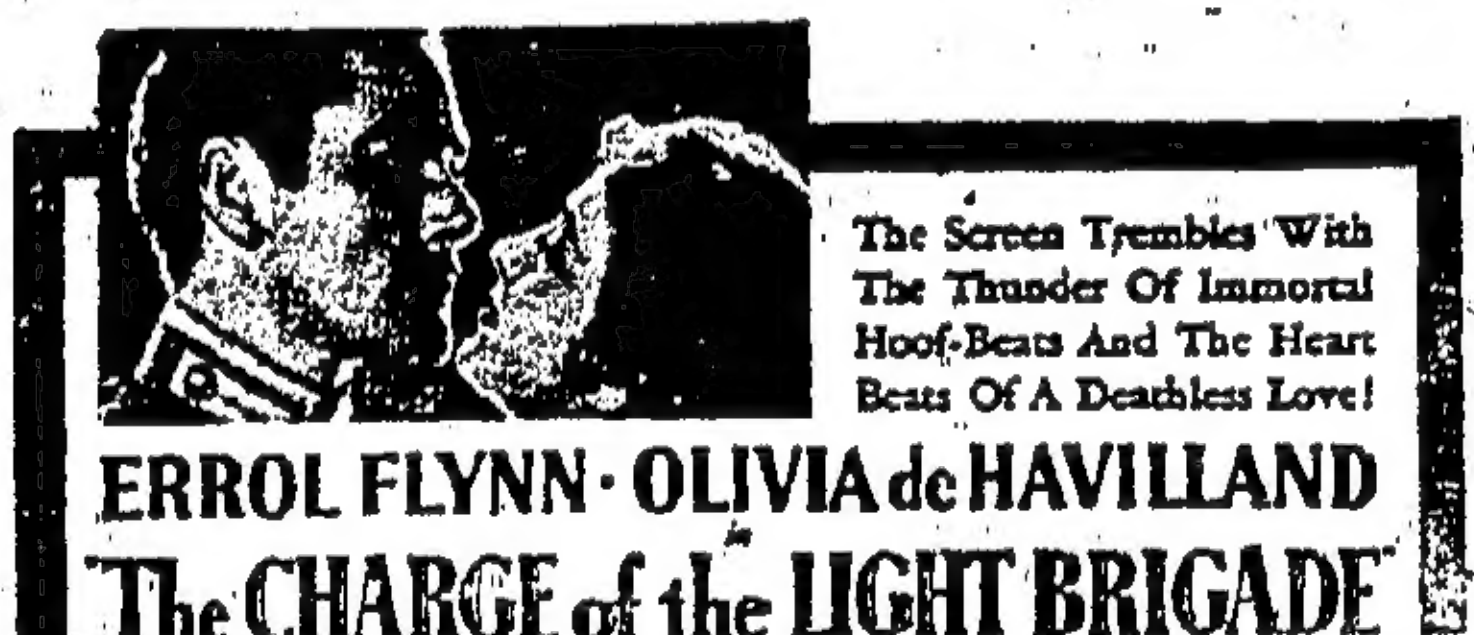
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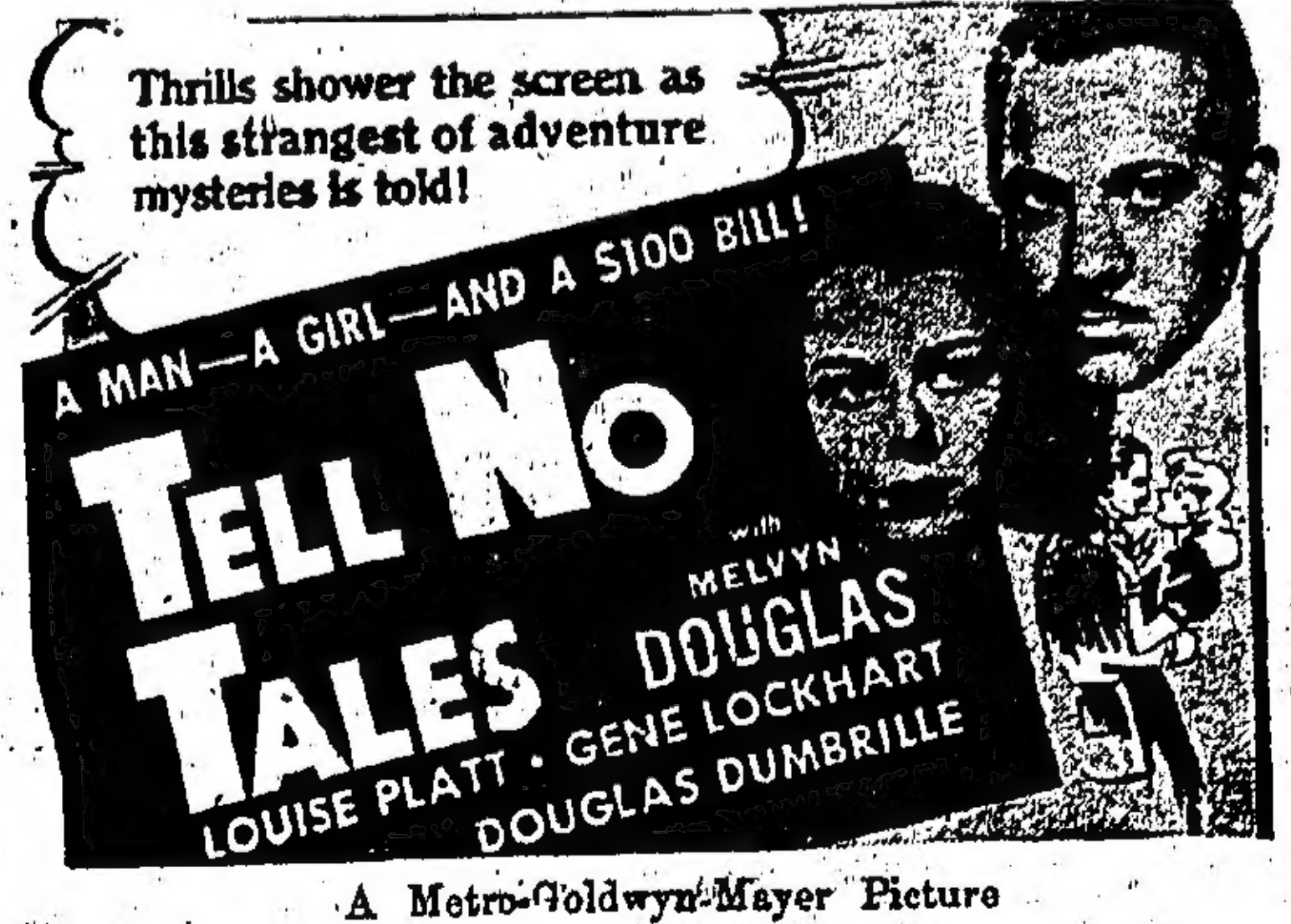


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“MATTERS OF MOMENT” AND
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Variety Programmes

12.15 p.m. Short Service of Inter-

cession.

12.30 Herbert E. Groh (Tenor) and

Barnabas Von Geczy and His Orchest-

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S. enade (Toellli); Serenade (“Les

Millions d’Ariquin”—Drigo)—Barnab-

as Von Geczy and His Orchestra.

Only For You—Waltz Song (Doelle-

Amberg)—Herbert E. Groh (Tenor)

with Orch. The Wind Has Told Me

A Story (Erubne); Kiss—Serenade

(De Michel)—Barnabas Von Geczy &

His Orchestra. Love Song (Becco-

Knorr); All I Do Is For Love Of You

(Feyes-Gels)—Herbert E. Groh

(Tenor) with Organ. Fresh Breezes

(Borchert); In Merry Mood (Harrin-

ger)—Barnabas Von Geczy and His

Orchestra.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather

Report.

1.03 Selections from Gilbert and

Sullivan’s “Patience.”

Overture—Symphony Orchestra

conducted by Dr. Malcolm Sargent.

Twenty Love-lick Maidens We—Nellie

Briercliffe, Rita Mackay and Chorus

of Girls. Recit. Still Brooding On

Their Mad Infatuation: I Cannot Tell

What This Love May Be—W. Lawson.

N. Briercliffe, M. Eyre and Chorus of

Girls. The Soldiers of Our Queen;

If You Want a Receipt for That Popu-

lar Mystery—Barrel Fancourt and

Chorus of Dragons. In A Doleful

Train: Now Is Not This Ridiculous—

N. Briercliffe, G. Baker, M. Eyre and

Chorus of Girls and Dragons. When

I First Put This Uniform On—Darrell

Fancourt and Chorus of Dragons.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press. Weather

Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Variety with Larry Ross, Rob-

binson Cleaver and Patricia Ross-

borough, Greta Keller, and Anton &

The Paramount Theatre Orchestra.

Orch. w. Organ. “Wake Up and

Live”—Selection: “The Hit Parade”—

Selection—Anton and The Paramount

Theatre Orchestra with Al Bollington

at the Organ. “I’m in the Mood

For Love (film Every night at 8);

I Wished On The Moon (film at 8);

The Big Broadcast—Lanny Ross

with Orchestra. Organ and Piano—

“Paris Honeycomb”—Selection: “Mas-

gay Melody”—Selection—N. Robinson

Cleaver and Patricia Rossborough.

Vocal—Would You? (from “San Fran-

cisco”); Take My Heart (Young);

Greta Keller with Orchestra. Orch.

w. Organ. “Banjo On My Knee”—

Selection: “Champagne Waltz”—

Selection—Anton and The Paramount

Theatre Orchestra with Al Bollington

at the Organ.

2.15 Close down.

6.00 An hour of Dance Music.

Quickstep—The Blackbird Hop; The

Palais Stroll—Jack Harris and His

Orchestra. Waltz—Music in May

(from “Careless Rapture”); Slow Fox-

Trot—It’s A Sin To Tell A Lie—The

B.B.C. Dance Orchestra. Fox-Trots—

Patty Cake, Patty Cake, Good For

Nothing; But Love—“Fats” Waller and

His Rhythm. Waltz—The Shabby Old

Cabby; Fox-Trot—A New Moon and

an Old Serenade—Billy Cotton and

His Band. Fox-Trot—We’ll Rest At

The End Of The Trail; March—Queen

of Hearts—Sydney Kyte and His Pic-

cadilly Hotel Band. Fox-Trots—Sere-

Come To Quiana; Supplicia—Orchestra

Tipica. Francisco Canard. Blues—

Basin Street Blues; Fox-Trot—No-

body’s Sweetheart—Billy Cotton and

His Cotton Pickers. Fox-Trots—The

Wind’s In The West (film “Aunt Sal-”);

We’ll All Go Riding On A Rain-

bow (film “Aunt Sally”—Jack Jackson

and His Orchestra. Fox-Trots—Lost;

Dream Time—Jay Wilbur and His

Band. Waltz—Mexicali Rose—Oscar

Nabin and His Romya Band.

7.00 Closing Local Stock Quo-

tations.

7.02 B.B.C. Recording—“Musical

Hall Memories.”

A Chorus by George Robey.

7.12 Old Favourites from Musical

Comedies.

“Vesta Victoria”—Old-Time Med-

ley—Intro: Waiting at the Church;

He Calls me His Own Grace Darling;

It’s All Right in the Summer Time;

Now I have to Call Him Father; Poor

John; Daddy wouldn’t buy me a Bow-

Wow; Vesta Victoria and Chorus with

Orchestra. Selection—Intro: The

Blitz Song (Desert Song) My Hero

(Chocolate Soldier) Tea for two (No,

No, Nanette) Hallelujah (Hit the

Deck); The Mounties (Rose Marie);

Merry Widow Waltz (Merry Widow);

Spread a little happiness (Mr. Cin-

der); Roll away clouds (Virginia)—

Garda Hall and George Baker with

Orchestra.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather

Report and Announcements.

8.03 Boccherini—Concerto in B

Flat Major.

Pau Casals (Cello) and The London

Symphony Orchestra conducted by

Sir Landon Ronald.

8.23 Mozart—Sonata in C Major.

Piano Solo by Edwin Fischer.

8.40 Excerpts from Mozart’s “The

Magic Flute.”

Overture—Berlin Philharmonic Or-

chestra cond. by Sir Thomas Bee-

cham. O Isis and Ostria; Within

These Sacred Walls—Ivar Andersen

(Bass) with Orchestra. A Maiden

Fair and Slender; A Fowler Pold in

Me you See—Ewald Bohmer (Barito-

ne) and the Berlin State Opera Or-

chestra.

9.05 Studio—Comments on Recent

Events.

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 A Light French Programme.

Elle Lisait Marie-Claire—Valse

(Charly)—L’Accordeoniste Alexander

and His Orchestra. Le Lieutenant

Souriant (film “La Taratata”); Le

Chant Du Marin (Van Fyry); Le

Adieu Lamy (Vocal) with Orchestra.

L’Angelus De La Mer (Revue “Folle

en Fleurs”)—Dania (Vocal) with Or-

chestra. Jean-Francois et Marie-

Claire (Revue “Folle en Fleurs”);

Carmen Torres et Robert Buguet with

Orchestra and Chorus of the Polles

Bergere. Heve Secret Valse Musette

(Alexander)—L’Accordeoniste Alexan-

der and His Orchestra. Qu’est-ce

Qu’en Attend (Mistrak); On Na Pas

Besoin De La Lune (Mistrak) (Vocal)

—Pils et Tabet with Piano accomp.

10.00 Variety with The Hill Billies.

Dinah Miller, Charlie Kunz and the

Vagabond Lovers.

Vocal—Twilight on the Trail (film

The trail of the lonesome pine);

Blazin’ The Trail (Powell & Others);

The Hill Billies. Vocal—I’m A Fool

For Loving You (Lewys); Lost My

Rhythm. Lost My Music. Lost My

Man (film “Soft Lights and Sweet

Music”); Dinah Miller. (The Per-

sonality Girl) with Orchestra. Piano

Charlie Kunz Piano Medley No. 8.

13-Intro: On Treasure Island;

Thanks a million: The Music Goes

Round and Around: Some Other

Time: A Little Bit Independent;

Goodnight Sweetheart—Charlie Kunz

accompanied by the Casual Club Or-

chestra. Vocal—Lucia (Lisbona,

Belo); Little Village Green (Streck-

er)—The Vagabond Lover (Tenor)

with Instrumental Accompaniment.

Vocal—The Sunset Trail (Kennedy &

Car)—The Hill Billies with Their

Own Novelty Accomp.

10.30 London Relay—“It’s That

Man Again” with Tommy Handly.

11.00 London Relay—“Matters of

Moment.”

11.15 Close down.

SHORT WAVE

DAVENTRY

Wavelength

17.700.0 (11.85m.)

8.11m. (11.55m.)

21.7m. (11.7m.)

11.15m. (11.7m.)

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NEWS IN ENGLISH

Transmission I—News Sum-

mary 4.00 p.m.

Full Bulletin 5.00 p.m.

Trans. II & III—News Sum-

mary 8.45 p.m.

Full Bulletin 9.30 p.m.

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Transmission V—News Sum-

mary 7.30 a.m.

Full Bulletin 8.30 a.m.

SHORT TALKS

FROM B.B.C.

(All Hongkong Time)

Monday—Background

to the News 11.00 p.m.

Tuesday—Background

to the News 8.15 a.m.

By England Now 11.00 p.m.

Cards on the Table 8.00 p.m.

Wednesday—In Eng-

land Now 8.45 a.m.

Cards on the Table 8.15 a.m.

Matters of Moment 11.00 p.m.

Thursday—Matters of

Moment 8.45 a.m.

Background to the

News 11.00 p.m.

Friday—In England

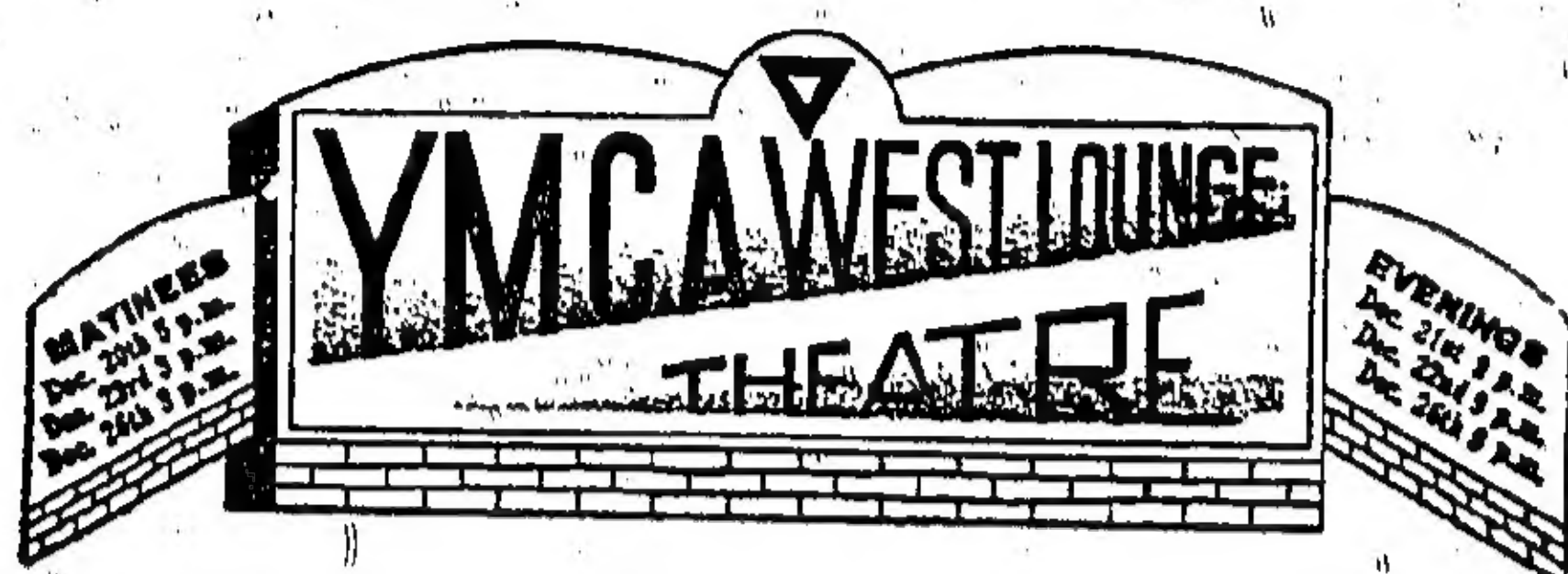
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On Narcotic Problems
In Nanking

SHANGHAI. (REUTER BY MAIL)—STARTLING REVELATIONS ARE CONTAINED IN A REPORT JUST ISSUED ON THE NARCOTICS PROBLEM IN THAT CITY. IN FACTUAL UNVARISHED LANGUAGE, THE REPORT, COMPILED BY DR. M. S. BATES, VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NANKING, MAKES A SERIES OF SENATIONAL ALLEGATIONS.

A quarter to a third, or even more, of the population have become drug addicts; revenue from opium is the main support of a puppet government; unaccounted door-to-door peddling of heroin goes on in the slums; young boys and girls lie in goal, their lives ruined by heroin; officials and police are honeycombed by drug users.

These are among the charges declared by Japanese and Chinese officials to be indispensable for the maintenance of any government in this area under the present supervision and circumstances. Furthermore, it is fully understood in political and military circles that \$3 per ounce is not the total gain to the rulers of this area, any more than 1,000,000 ounces of opium is the total amount of that one kind of poison they provide monthly for the people they profess to love and serve at great sacrifice.

STORES AND DEN'S

Dr. Bates reports that the 490,000 people who populate that part of the Nanking Municipality which lies within and adjacent to the city walls are served by 30 public drug stores and by 175 licensed smoking dens, while in addition 14 hotels are known to hold licences. And there is a "large illegal trade" which officials are continually trying to force into channels profitable to themselves. That is the extent of "suppression."

"Drug," the report goes on, "is supplied by the 'Opium Suppression Bureau' at (Chinese currency) \$19 per ounce to public stores, which pass it on to the dens and to private buyers at about \$22, with variations according to the supplies in hand. There is evidence that the daily sales made in regular fashion through the public stores average 3,000 ounces, or \$57,000 retail."

"All reports emphasise evasions at every point; much opium is connected at no point with public sales organizations; inspectors frequently find dens for buying from outside stores."

PARTIAL OFFSET

"It is probable that 20 to 30 per cent. of the opium sold by the stores passes to consumers outside the local population of 490,000. But that allowance is only a partial offset to the opium illegally distributed within Nanking. The figure of 3,000 ounces is therefore well below the actual daily consumption."

"From one dollar a day upwards is needed to maintain an addict, but many thousands of the poor crawl along miserably on less than that. It is believed that 3,000 ounces per day would represent at least 60,000 addicts, and that the actual total is well above that figure."

"The Executive Yuan of the 'Reformed Government,' which conducts the opium business in the occupied portions of Kiangsu, Anhwei and Chekiang provinces, receives a monthly income of \$3,000,000 from a 'tax' of \$3 per ounce on 1,000,000 ounces of opium."

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declared by Japanese and Chinese officials to be indispensable for the maintenance of any government in this area under the present supervision and circumstances.

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"An expert official declares that \$8 per ounce is the basic price paid for opium from Dairen, plus \$2 to other Japanese interests for transportation. Therefore a 'wholesale' price of \$19 provides \$9 to cover the 'tax' of \$3."

MILITARY PROTECTION

"Since the trade in heroin is not publicly organized, it cannot be statistically reported, except by the military police or a few others closely associated with the higher management. An experienced dealer says the supplies come in heavy packages from Dairen and Tientsin by the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, escorted by Japanese ronin and fully protected by the military until they reach distribution centres in Nanking."

The chief merchants here are well known, four of them under the title 'great kings of heroin.' Their selling organization includes some 2,400 persons and the number of addicts is well up in the tens of thousands."

In view of this generous provision of destruction, the conduct of the public authorities is treacherous indeed. They choke the criminal court, and the police offices with two kinds of cases which occupy most of their time: heroin addiction and thieving, not seldom compounded. Because the places of detention are crowded and practically without food, it is necessary to release most of the 'criminals' within five days."

It is the common complaint that heroin arrests are made for two purposes (1) extortion; (2) to maintain the opium business against advancing competition from heroin. A police officer declares that 20 to 30 bodies of starved heroin addicts are reported daily by tithingmen to be left on their hands for burial."

"Officialdom from top to bottom, including the police, are known to the public to be well represented among the drug users. A respectable teacher groans, 'Ten more years of

KING SENDS
MESSAGE TO
HIS TROOPSFULL CONFIDENCE
ASSURED

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter)—H.M. the King sent this message to Viscount Gort: "It has given me the greatest pleasure to visit the troops under your command in France and the days I have been able to spend among them have been full of interest, for I had the opportunity of seeing something of the conditions in which they are living and the work on which they are engaged."

"I am satisfied that the British soldier of today is at least equal to his predecessor, both in efficiency and spirit."

BEST WISHES

"I send my best wishes to all ranks of the B.E.F. and assure them of the complete and unfailing confidence placed in them by their fellow-countrymen."

GIFTS FROM THE
EMPIRE

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter)—The Dominions Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, has acknowledged a gift of £100,000 raised by the South African Mayors.

In acknowledging the gift, Mr. Eden says it is a real encouragement for Britain to receive a welcome mark of friendship from the Union.

GENEROUS AMOUNT

The inhabitants of Cyprus have started a fund to help the British Red Cross and have already raised £5,000, a very generous amount for so small a population.

CHUNGKING'S NEW
MAYOR ASSUMES
OFFICE

CHUNGKING, Dec. 12 (Central)—Mr. Wu Kuo-chen, new Chungking Mayor, assumed office yesterday.

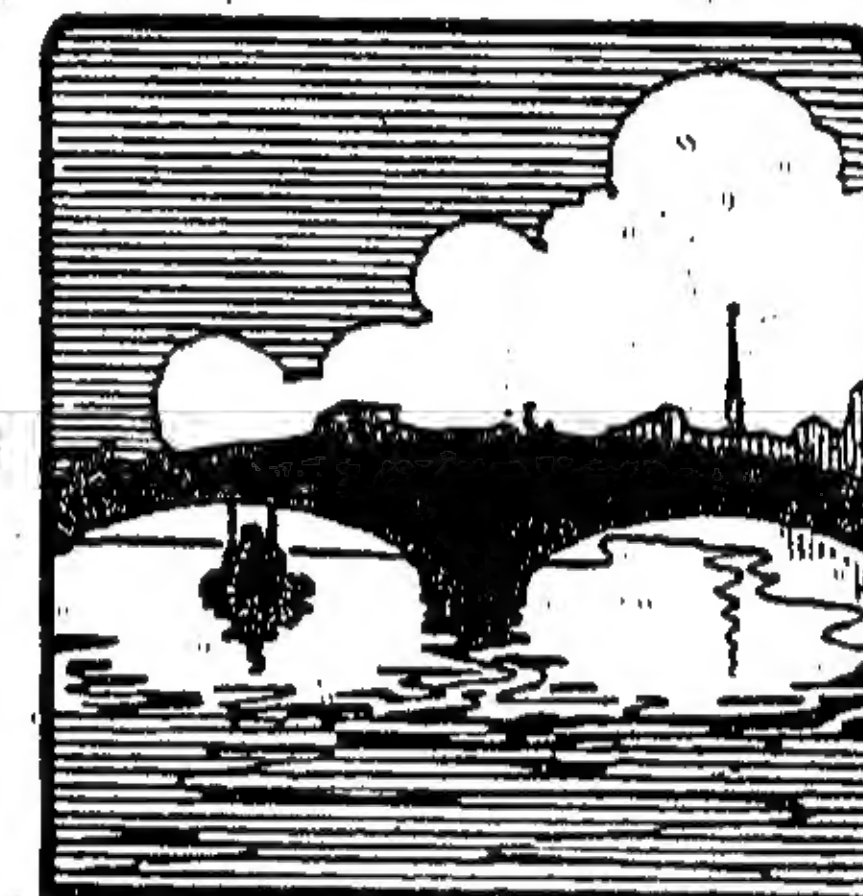
Outlining his administration policy, he said that he would adjust prices of daily necessities, speed up reconstruction, promote public health, tighten air raid precautions and strengthen the pao chia (mutual protection and guarantee) system.

MEMORIAL SERVICE
FOR MARSHAL WU

PEIPING, Dec. 12 (Reuter)—A memorial service will be held for Marshal Wu Pei-fu on Jan. 7 and the funeral service on Jan. 21, it is reported locally.

Wang Ching-wei has sent a message of condolence to the family.

this and there will not be a good person left in Nanking." Dr. Bates concludes by explaining why he has produced this report. "As a Christian missionary," he says, "I have prepared this report to share in the great tradition of those British missionaries who steadfastly and with final success struggled against the opium trade conducted by their countrymen, and of those American missionaries who led the international movement against narcotics. Under any flag, opium is an evil to be countered, a dishonour to those who profit by it, protect it and excuse it."

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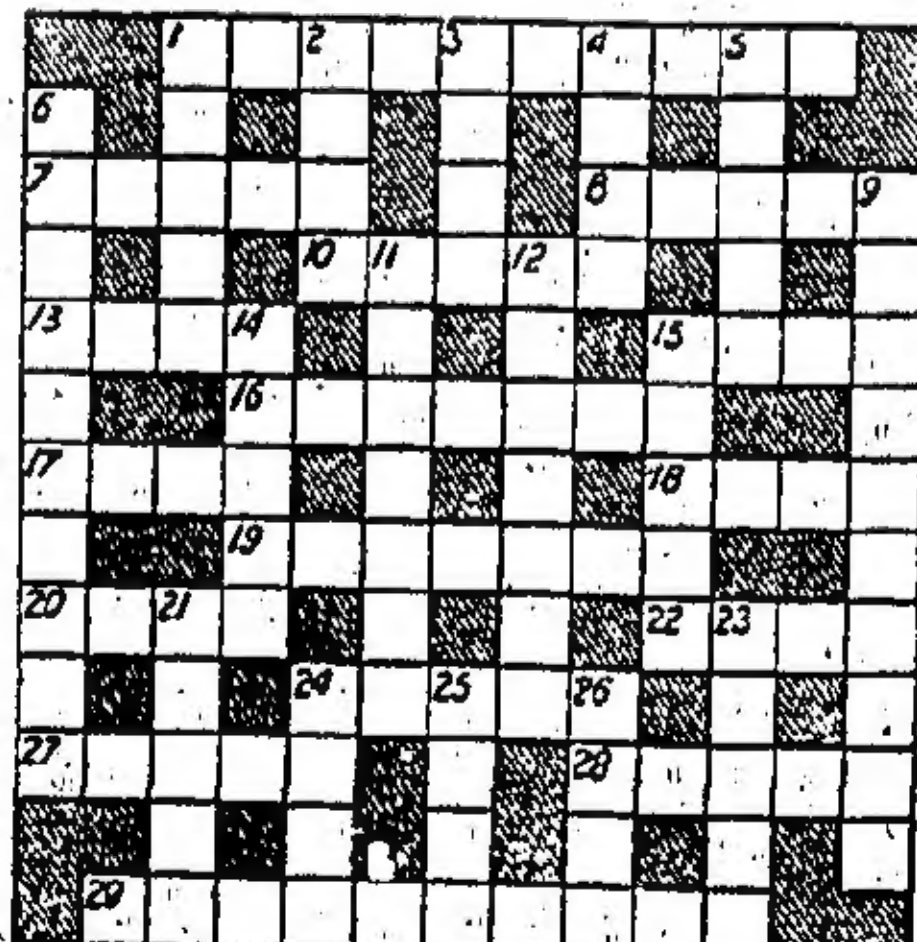
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- 8 Bury
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- 13 Implore
- 15 Tobacco
- 16 Free
- 17 Reptile
- 18 Night birds
- 19 Draw forth
- 20 Close by
- 22 In this place
- 24 Coarse
- 27 Avoid
- 28 Surprise
- 29 Enduring

DOWN

- 1 Branch
- 2 Sea foam
- 3 Aid in evil
- 4 Fastener



- 5 Nick
- 6 Unwillingness
- 9 Enrolled
- 11 Judge
- 12 Amounts owing
- 14 Senior
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- 23 Precise
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- 25 Cereal
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Speed - Up Of General Communications

Mr. H. L. N. Ascough's Talk To H.K. Rotary Club

The growth of communications from the time when people were dependant on drums to signal to adjoining villages to the present day efficiency with which messages are flashed across the globe with lightning speed was related in an interesting manner by Mr. H. L. N. Ascough, of Messrs. Cable and Wireless, Ltd., to members and guests of the Hongkong Rotary Club at their weekly tiffin meeting at the Hongkong Hotel yesterday.

Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy, President, was in the chair and among the guests was Mr. Z. Zee, former Minister of Industries to the Chinese Government. Mr. Zee accompanied Dr. H. H. Kung to London for the Coronation Celebrations in 1937.

MR. ZEE'S REMARKS
On being called upon by the chairman to say a few words, Mr. Zee said that he had great pleasure in attending the meeting especially as he had been a Rotarian in the years prior to his trip to Europe for the Coronation. He remembered that there were so many Rotarians on the ship, the Conte Rosso, when they were returning that they had a Rotary Dinner on board and among those present on that occasion was Dr. Arthur Woo, the popular vice-president of the Hongkong Rotary Club.

Continuing, Mr. Zee said that he was very sorry he was no longer a member of the Shanghai Rotary Club and he was glad of this real chance to get acquainted with Hongkong Rotarians.

The president then read a letter from the Belfast Rotary Club relating to the flag of that Club, which had been sent to the Hongkong Rotarians, following the recent visit of Rotarian Montgomery to Belfast.

Mr. Ascough was then called upon to deliver his address.

THE ADDRESS
Mr. Ascough said, in part: The rapid industrialization of the world in the early nineteenth century by the invention of the steam engine, brought about its application to railway and steamship transport. The speeding up of communications by this means cheapened the cost of materials, and raised the purchasing power of the nation, thus enabling more goods to be manufactured and sold. The rapid increase in trade pointed to a growing need for quicker methods of the transmissions of intelligence, and thus the invention of the electric telegraph at once fulfilled an existing need.

The invention of the electric telegraph quickly superseded all mechanical and visual devices; its use was rapidly developed, and a network of telegraph wires soon spread over the land, connecting all towns and villages together.

CABLE SERVICES
Countries separated from one another by sea were however still without means of international communication and this need was met by the invention of the submarine telegraph or cable. The first cable was laid across the Straits of Dover in 1850, and consisted of a fine copper wire insulated by a thick coating of India-rubber.

The first Atlantic cable was laid in 1858. The expenses of this cable were financed by John Pender—a Manchester cotton broker and a man of considerable foresight. In the electrical work he was ably advised by that great scientist Faraday.

This was the precursor of an extensive network of cables which afterwards operated as the Eastern Telegraph Company, the Eastern Extension, Western Telegraph Company and their Associated Companies.

Fifty years later these companies controlled 164,000 nautical miles of cables, 13 cable ships, over 200 stations and a staff of 13,000 men.

Meanwhile in the New World, the counterpart of this activity was taking shape in the form of the Western Union, the Commercial Cable Company and the Direct United States Company. These American Companies controlled the North Atlantic and Pacific Cables.

WIRELESS COMES IN
Cables held a monopoly of world communications for many years and it was not until 1924 that wireless as a form of international communication presented any competition, although communication with ships at sea was successfully established as early as 1905.

During the Great War period of 1914-1918, wireless was used extensively on land and sea, but little progress was made in development. It was not until the middle of 1918 that small wireless transmitters using thermionic valves were designed.

SHORT WAVES
It was with the advent of short wave working and the successful



Members of the "Spring songs and dance of the fairy queens," a special item to be presented at the charity ball sponsored by the H. K. Chinese Women's Club at the Peninsula Hotel tomorrow night

33 YEARS ON COUNCIL

SIR H. E. POLLOCK AGAIN NOMINATED

It was notified in the Government Gazette last month that the term of office of the HON. SIR HENRY EDWARD POLLOCK, K.C., LL.D., representative of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace upon the Legislative Council, expires on January 16, 1940.

Up to 3.30 p.m. yesterday, the only nomination for the vacancy, received by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, First Police Magistrate, was that of Sir Henry Pollock.

Sir Henry has served on the Legislative Council for the last 33 years the date of his original appointment being January 17, 1906. He has served on the Executive Council since March 9, 1921.

experiments on Beam Aerial Arrays by C. S. Franklin, which were mainly responsible for the vast improvement in wireless communications that cables began to feel the effect of competition.

From 1925 onwards wireless made rapid strides and numerous services were opened up. The services were in direct competition with cables.

LATER INVENTIONS
In 1926, the Eastern Telegraph Co. and companies of that group developed an ingenious invention called a Regenerator System. This revolutionized cable telegraphy.

The Western Union Cable Company also laid a new type of cable across the Atlantic. This was termed a loaded cable, and one which had high inductance and very high speeds were obtained.

In 1928 the Eastern Telegraph Company invented a system of channelling on cables. Up to now duplex working i.e. signals being transmitted and received on the same conductor simultaneously, had been employed. The system of channelling utilised made it possible for two sets of signals either way to be transmitted and received simultaneously.

Thus the cable companies had a formidable barrage to meet the ever increasing competition.

MERGER PLANNED

It was, however, realised by the British Government that the cables were a great Imperial asset and it would be far better for the two methods of Empire communication to become complementary than that they should engage in competition. In consequence, Government-sponsored merger was planned and came into effect in 1928. As a result of this company termed the Imperial and International Communications, Ltd. (now Cable and Wireless, Ltd.) was formed to take over the Eastern Telegraph Co.'s network of cables, the Imperial Cables, the Imperial Beam Stations and all the Marconi Services.

I now propose to give a résumé of the multifarious services conducted by this Company.

(1) Telegraphy both by cables and wireless to all parts of the world. Large cities, small islands, remote villages are today all accessible to this network.

(2) Telephony. In co-operation with the British Post Office, the International Telegraph and Telephone Corporation of America. Radiotelephony between different countries is maintained.

(3) Facsimile. In co-operation with the Radio Corporation of America, Cable and Wireless maintain a facsimile circuit between London and New York, also with Amakamat Wireless Coy., of Australia between London and Melbourne. There is also a service between London and Buenos Aires.

(4) Meteorological Reports. Reception of meteorological reports

"FAMILY SHOW" AT CHINESE Y.W.C.A.

BRIGHT EVENING IS PROMISED SATURDAY

The Hongkong English Forum's second annual "Family Show," which will be presented at the Chinese Y.W.C.A., Bonham Road, at 8 p.m. on Saturday is assured of success.

The principals of the show comprise such talent as Emily Yui, daughter of Mr. O. K. Yui; Grace Chang, the "canary" of the Forum; Elvie Yuen, who has on more than one occasion delighted Hongkong audiences from ZEW; and Sadie and Bruce Yuen, from Australia.

And there is Johnny Lee, who will entertain with his funny antics, most ably assisted by Tommy Young; and Harry Chinn, a humorist from America, is the Master of Ceremonies.

The feature of the show will be a comedy version of "Romeo and Juliet" by the Forum "Nitwits" which is guaranteed to provide 20 hilarious minutes.

Admission will be by tickets and the total proceeds will be donated to war relief work in China. Tickets may be obtained from any Forum members or at the door on the night of the show.

The "Family Show" Committee headed by Cecil Winglee, Harry Chinn and Grace Chang are working very hard and all who attend are promised a very good evening's entertainment, at the same time contributing to a worthy cause.

The Director of Medical Services acknowledges the receipt of \$500 from the Tsung Tsin Refugee Relief Association towards the relief of the refugees in the temporary camps at Lo Shu Ling and Lok Ma Chau. In addition, one hundred 240-lb. bags of rice have been gifted by the Chairman, War Relief Sub-committee, Wai Young Merchants Association.

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OUTSTANDING EVENT
One of the outstanding events of recent years was the introduction of the Empire flat-rate scheme in April 1938. This reduced all tariffs within the British Empire to a common level of one dollar per word for a full rate telegram. In connection with this scheme, I should like to mention the Chairman of Cable and Wireless, Ltd., Sir Edward Wilshaw, who played a leading part in its fulfilment.

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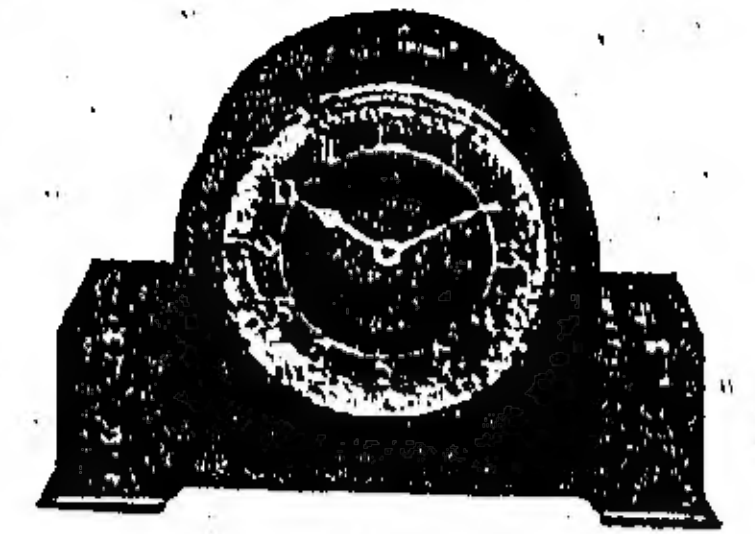
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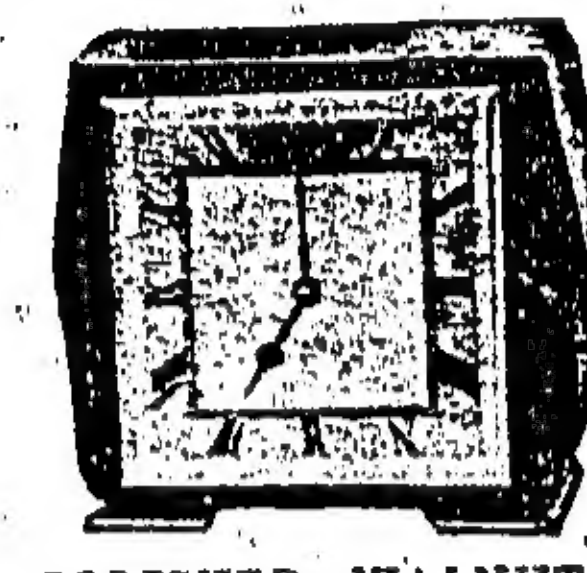


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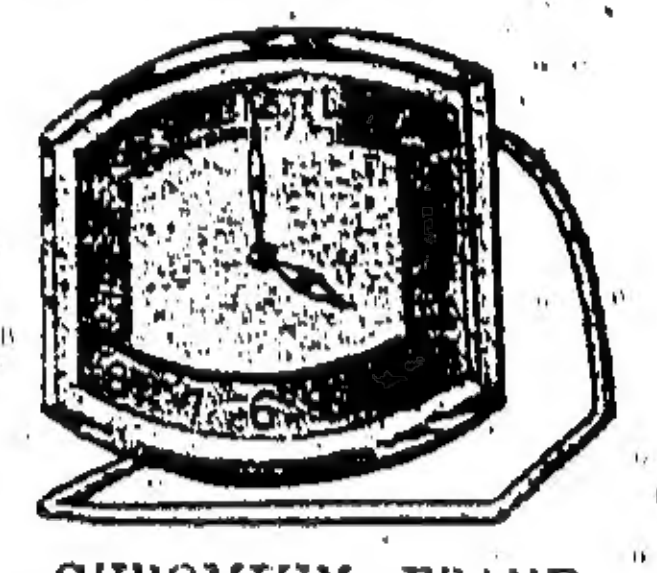
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THREE WEDDINGS AT REGISTRY

Three Chinese couples were married yesterday at the Registry, Supreme Court, Mr. T. J. Gould, Deputy Registrar of Marriages, officiated. The parties were:—

Mr. Tso Tien-fong, teacher, of No. 50, Gage Street, and Miss Chan Yuk-ping of No. 5 Hollywood Road;

Mr. Li Ping-kwan, merchant, of No. 46, Bonham Strand East, and Miss Ip Sau-chan, of No. 277, Des Voeux Road Central;

Mr. Lau Tin-kwong, merchant, of No. 139, Sai Yee Street, and Miss Lep Wah-chun, of No. 137, Sai Yee Street.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following forthcoming marriages are announced:—

Lieut. William Edwin Martin, of the Royal Artillery Mess, Stanley, and Miss Daisy Rosalie Hope Turnbull, of No. 28, Mody Road;

Cpl. Stanley Norfolk Littlewood, Royal Air Force, Kai Tak, and Miss Isabel Nenita Quinola, of No. 23, Ashley Road, first floor;

Mr. Dunn Yueh-chin, of No. 41B, Nathan Road, and Miss Chen Chin-yuen, of the staff of the Ministry of Communications;

Mr. Liu Poon-leung, Chinese medical doctor, of No. 25 Fuk Wing Street, third floor, and Miss Cheng Sau-han, of No. 18, Canal Road West, first floor;

Mr. Ling Chun-chow Customs officer, Customs House, Canton, and Miss Phea Tse-ling, of No. 39, Hillwood Road, first floor;

Mr. Lee Po-sam, Church Secretary, Holy Trinity Church, Matauchung Road, and Miss Pang Yau-tsz, of No. 6, Po Kong Road, second floor.

CHORAL RECITAL ON SATURDAY

The Joint Choir of the Christ Church and the Hop Yat Church will present a Choral Concert at the Hop Yat Church, in Bonham Road, on Saturday, commencing at 8.30 p.m.

The programme will be in two parts, the first comprising selections from "Creation" by Haydn, and the second, a variety of Christmas Carols.

The same recital will be repeated on Wednesday, Dec. 20, at the St. Andrew's Church, in Kowloon, and on both occasions members of other churches are welcome.

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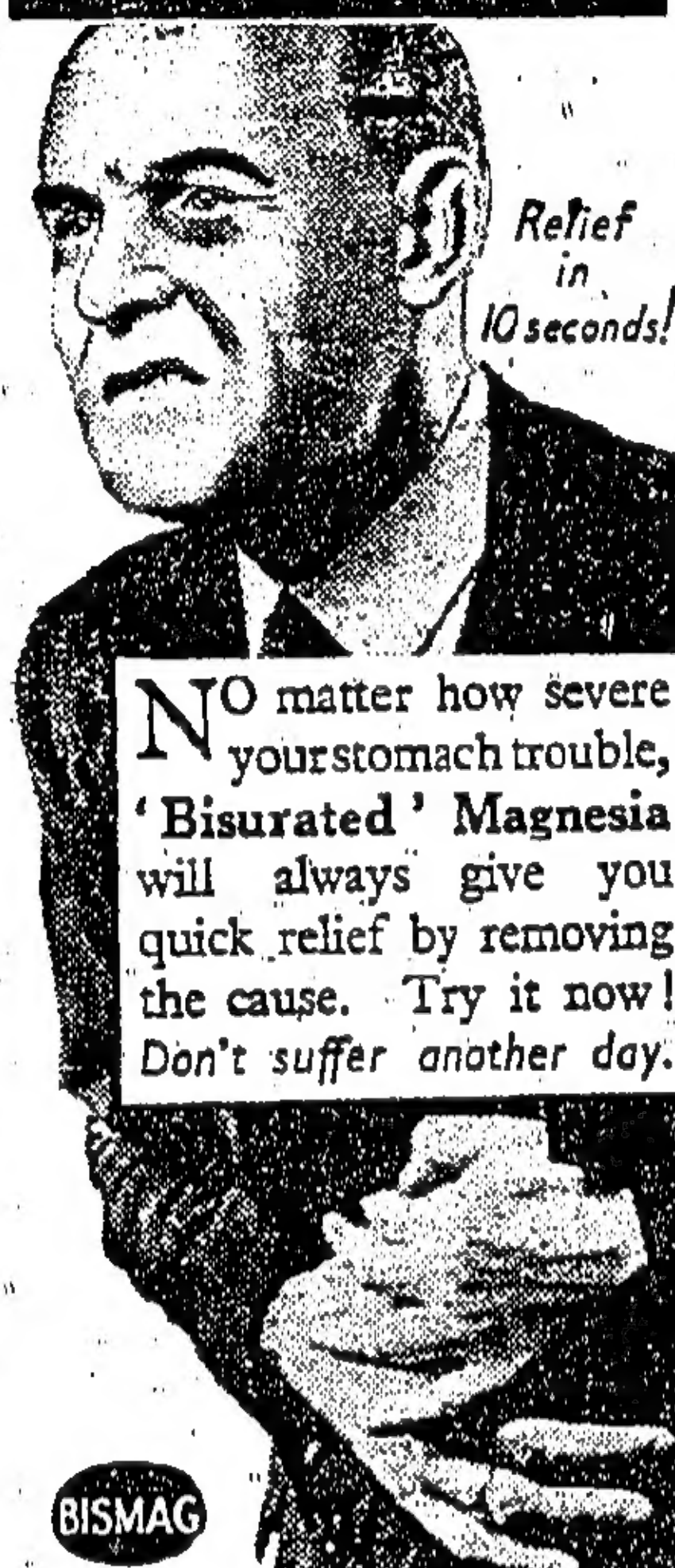
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PROBATE JURISDICTION.

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Notice is hereby given that the Court has by virtue of Section 58 of the Probates Ordinance 1897, made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to the 6th day of January, 1940.

All Creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

Dated the 12th day of December, 1939.

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FOURTH INTERIM DIVIDEND.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a FOURTH INTERIM DIVIDEND for the year ending the 29th February, 1940, of two per cent, that is \$2.00 per share, will be paid on all shares in this Company on Wednesday, the 20th December, 1939, at the Company's Office at China Building, 5th floor.

The TRANSFER BOOK of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th to 19th December, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
FUNG PING FAN,
Director & Secretary.
Hong Kong, 12th Dec., 1939.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 18th day of Dec., 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at To Kwa Wan, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant), will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	4210	Adjoining Kowloon Inland Lot No. 3800, Kowloon, City Road, To Kwa Wan.	N. S. E. W. ft. ft. ft. ft.	1,000	100	2,000
			As per sale plan.	1,000	100	2,000

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	2746	South of New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1869, near Diamond Hill.	N. S. E. W. ft. ft. ft. ft.	2,000	200	4,000
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BUTTON FACTORY BLAZE

Six appliances were rushed to a button factory in Nam On Sauk-wan at about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon when two buildings, housing the factory, were ablaze. Although considerable damage to property resulted, two houses and much machinery being damaged, the fire was fortunately unattended by the loss of life or injury to people.

The flames were subdued by the Fire Brigade and the police in less than an hour.

President Inonu of Turkey and Gen. Orbay have left Ankara to make a tour of Eastern Anatolia near the Soviet-Iranian frontiers, says Reuter.

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FIGURES SHOW JAPAN'S FAILURE

JAPAN'S DRAFT BUDGET estimates for 1940-41, mounting to the fantastic figure of Yen 10,360,000,000, illustrate once more the terrific burden undertaken by this small, poor and still incompletely industrialised country in the drive for military domination of the Eastern Pacific into which it has been pushed by those who rule it.

THIS BUDGET, a good half of which is openly devoted to military expenditures (actually the proportion is even higher) is about eight times that of 1931-32, covering the period which saw the initial invasion of Manchuria, and it is more than double that of the first year of large-scale hostilities in China. The increase over the figure for the present fiscal year is in the neighbourhood of Yen 200,000,000 or more than the total budget of any year before 1933.

AS IS WELL KNOWN, the ordinary income of the Japanese Government has long been insufficient to cover its budgetary needs and deficits have been met by the issue of "red ink" bonds, i.e. by borrowing from the nation. Despite increased taxation, which is now reaching the stage where even the long-suffering Japanese citizen is beginning to rebel, the deficit increases with each year, and with it the national debt. Amounting to 6,000,000,000 yen in 1930-31, the internal and external indebtedness of the country had, by 1936-37, grown to over eleven billions. Two months ago it was estimated at almost 21 billions, and the budget for 1940-41 calls for a further increase which will bring it to the stupendous total of 26,000,000,000 yen.

CHARACTERISTIC of every Japanese budget has been the battle between the civil and military branches of the administration for the lion's share of its appropriations. Of late years, the army has always received what it asked. The procedure is roughly as follows. Original estimates are made by the various departments and duly pared down by the Ministry of Finance. Ultimately, the reductions in civil expenditures stand. Those made in military expenditures are restored in the face of the clamour of the Ministries for War and Navy.

THE RESULTS have been disastrous for the country's economy. At a time when Japan, like Germany, must "export or die" and markets are actually falling open to her, the proposed export subsidies are not forthcoming. Production is hampered by the impossibility of sparing foreign exchange to buy raw materials, the drain of workers into the army, and the "economy" shortages of gas, electric power and coal. Especially in the field of electric power, in which the situation is aggravated by the existence of great private monopolies which are making millions by the operation of the quota system, the situation is growing desperate. Output of cotton goods, wool, staple fiber, silk, and chemicals has fallen drastically. Markets are being lost instead of gained, and the Kansai industrialists, lords of great textile mills of the Osaka region, are close to revolt.

THE ORDINARY POPULATION is feeling the pinch in the increased price of rice, the

CORRESPONDENCE

H.K. SOCIETY FOR PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

To the Editor, Hongkong Daily Press

Sir,—I shall be much obliged if you will be so good as to publish in your next issue the enclosed copies of correspondence which I have exchanged with an English friend, who desires to remain anonymous, regarding a generous donation he has just made to the Hongkong Society for the Protection of Children.

R. H. KOTEWALL

My dear Kotewall,
I am sorry to see the Hongkong Society for the Protection of Children is behind in its finances for the year. Although, on second thoughts, perhaps, it is encouraging to learn that the utmost is being made of the available facilities by those working in such a splendid cause.
To overcome the financial difficulty, I enclose a cheque for the year's deficit—\$766,—from my wife and myself.
In any public acknowledgment please treat this donation as "Anonymous."
Yours sincerely,
My dear—
I have just received your letter enclosing a cheque for \$766 as a donation from you and Mrs.—, being the amount of the deficit of last year's working of the Hongkong Society for the Protection of Children. Your generosity and the promptitude with which you came to the assistance of the Society have touched me deeply, and I am sure will be a heartening encouragement to the officers and other members of the Society, on whose behalf I tender you both our most grateful thanks.
I hope that you will permit me to send to the English and Chinese Press for publication (omitting your name) your letter and this reply, for I can conceive of no better means of calling the attention of the public to the needs of the Society than this fine lead taken by yourself and Mrs.—.
With renewed expression of warmest thanks on behalf of the Society and of the poor and suffering children in the Colony.
I am,
Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. H. Kotewall.

Mrs. Nel Zon-hon and Mrs. Lee Gunda, both German subjects married to Chinese, were summoned before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Court yesterday for failing to report to the authorities, within an appointed period, their change of address and were each fined \$15.

new surtax on articles of daily use such as tobacco, and the general shortage of commodities and fuel. Gasoline is carefully rationed and hard to come by. Cars burn synthetic mixtures, charcoal, and even weeds. The use of acetylene in ordinary motor engines was, when first practiced, properly prohibited as dangerous. It is now allowed and becoming more and more general. Only two days ago, a despatch from Tokyo described the rejoicing among the people because the official ban on using coal for household heating purposes had been lifted—in the middle of Tokyo's cold December!

Estimates for public health and education have been cut to the bone.

ALL THESE SACRIFICES have been induced by the pursuit of Japan's "imperial destiny" which, it was claimed, would give her the riches of the East Asiatic mainland and the South Pacific archipelago. Even if this were true, we know from the history of other conquests that the common people of Japan, upon whose shoulders the sacrifices, both of blood and sweat, must fall, would be no better off. But today even the groups that would really profit find themselves enmeshed in difficulties which seem insuperable because the outstretched hand of their greed, instead of closing comfortably on the desired wealth, has in China met resistance which not only prevents this but is prying its sinister fingers loose from the fruits of past robberies and indirectly, their grip on the throat of the Japanese nation itself.

SUGGESTION BY DEFENCE

Mortgage Action Hearing

That the plaintiffs in the disputed mortgage action being heard at the Supreme Court were impostors, that they were not the persons who signed the title deeds and not the real owners of the property, was suggested by the defence when hearing was resumed yesterday before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor.

Defendant in the action is Fung Kai-sun, while the plaintiffs are Chan Fui-hing, Chan Sik-tin and Chan Kwok-nin. The latter allege that two mortgages executed in respect of No. 300 Des Voeux Road Central and No. 92 Wing Lok Street are fraudulent, and that they had been executed by a clansman Chan Chung-wah, who had charge of the property, without the knowledge or consent of the plaintiffs.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., and the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada, Jr., instructed by Mr. C. D'Almada, represent the plaintiffs, while the defendant is represented by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., and Mr. R. C. Macnamara, instructed by Mr. M. M. Watson.

Chan Sik-tin, second plaintiff, gave evidence yesterday and said that when Chan Chung-wah ceased to be regular in his payments of rent last year, he asked the latter and was informed that the tenants were in arrears.

NOT SATISFIED
Witness said that he was not satisfied and he wrote to his solicitors to find out whether the property had been mortgaged.

When Chan Fui-hing came from Sha Kow village in June, witness said they decided to try and collect as much rent as possible from Chan Chung-wah before taking proceedings. They did not inform Chan Fui-hing's brother, because they were not sure whether there was anything between the brothers.

Witness denied that he had ever mortgaged the property and authorised such mortgage and stated that the signature on the document was a forgery.

MORTGAGE DENIED
Chan Kwok-nin, in evidence, also denied that he mortgaged the property. The signatures, he said, were forgeries.

Witness denied that Chan Kwok-nin and Chan Chung-wah were the one and same person. The first inkling he had of the forged mortgage, he said, was when Chan Fui-hing told him of it in June this year.

Hearing will be resumed at 10 a.m. today.

GIFTED AND INDIVIDUAL ARTIST

WORK OF ERNE FREEDLANDER

The exhibition of the monotypes and woodcuts of Erne Freelandier and some of her pupils, which has drawn many to the St. John's Cathedral Hall during the past two days, is being extended another day, providing an opportunity to view and study the recent work of a gifted and individual artist.

Freelandier has ardent admirers in Hongkong and others who describe her art as mere daubs and blobs and utter tripe. Modern art of the type is yet imperfectly understood—and must be for manifold reasons—and the division of opinion may be expected.

Yet, the very fact that there is such controversy regarding her work shows that she has created some certain impression and there has been a very real upsetting of the tranquil currents of pursuit and appreciation in art circles.

VIVID IMPRESSION
Whether or not Freelandier can be considered a great painter, she is certainly a fine artist. The spectator cannot but derive a vivid impression of colour, which she uses with an almost Oriental fancy, and cannot fail to note her freedom of conception.

BETTER UNDERSTOOD
Her work is never pretty, in the usual sense, but always bold, bold and expressive in a broad manner. She does not attempt to copy nature, but to enlarge on it, build on it, and blend her source of inspiration with her own imagination to seek a certain expression.

COMPLETE MANIFESTO OF SIXTH PLENARY SESSION, KUOMINTANG

RECAPITULATION OF PRINCIPLES FIXED AT FIFTH NATIONAL CONGRESS

This week of discussion has been chiefly devoted to ways and means of reinforcing the ground-work of national reconstruction. And we now wish to express our hope that no fellow-citizen will permit the changes in the face of world affairs to distract him from the full recognition of the unassailable fact that we have passed the crisis of success and failure, nor be misled by fallacious advocacy of palliatives in wartime. On the contrary, we must think in terms of fundamentals, strike at far-reaching issues and aim to set national affairs on a lasting and broadly-conceived basis.

For this our entire resources of brain and muscle must be called into play; it is only such a war effort that is needed to insure victory. It is to this alone that the anxieties and urgency of the present hour should impel us—to gird our loins to the task of completing all the preparations necessary for a re-fashioning of the nation. Affairs political, economic and cultural are to be henceforth transformed as this dominant principle demands, and detailed resolutions have been accordingly approved for immediate translation into practice.

PLANS FRAMED
In this manifesto we shall sketch the more important of the plans we have framed and indicate the trend of policy by the execution of which we aspire to acquire ourselves of our responsibility.

1. The revolutionary mission of our Party consists in the rescue of our people from the perils that beset them and their rehabilitation as an independent people on an equal footing with all other nations. The policy of Resistance as we are now waging it was decided upon when it was seen at the time of the Fifth National Congress in 1935 that significant and tangible progress had by then been achieved in Defence and in Reconstruction, in the nation's ability to repel the invader and to put its own affairs in order at home. That convention published a ten-article manifesto which constituted a political programme for the Party in its future revolutionary work. This manifesto contained a digest of all the resolutions adopted by former conventions since the First, and upon it was based the programme of Resistance and Reconstruction drawn up by the Extraordinary Session of the C.E.C. in 1938. Its ten articles were in brief:

1. Let us influence men by giving full weight to moral values.

2. Let us stimulate the pursuit of realistic studies as a means to national stability.

3. Let us expand the scope of education in order to foster the people's strength.

4. Let us by economic methods, enrich the people's livelihood.

5. Let personnel be carefully sifted and selected, and a strict check be kept on the records of public servants.

6. Let us emphasize the sanctity of the Law in order to protect the people's rights, in respect of life and property, from the incursions of rash and unscrupulous litigation.

7. Let us attribute more importance to the functions of the Examination Yuan and encourage the modern representatives of the old-time censors in the fearless exercise of their prerogative against official malpractices and in rendering articulate the voice of public opinion.

8. Let us stress administration in the "frontier regions," to the end that minorities may be absorbed into a strong national unity.

9. Let us initiate constitutional government, adjust the country's internal administrative system accordingly, and thus reinforce the very foundations of the Republic.

10. Let us with all purity of intention fulfil the Tsungli's Testament of injunction; revive our people's self-confidence, establish honorable relations with all other countries, in order that China as a completely independent country may live with them on terms of absolute equality; and so at last the ideal of a world commonwealth may become attainable.

(To Be Continued)

REFUGEES IN THE COLONY

The returns of refugees and destitutes accommodated in the Colony in Government camps, etc., in Urban and Rural Areas for the week ending Dec. 9, showed a decrease of 87 against the previous week.

Urban Areas (Civilians):
King's Park 1,302 against 1,307 on Dec. 2.
Ma Tau Chung 1,078 against 1,100.
North Point 1,418 against 1,418.
Urban Areas (Soldiers):
In Hospital 11 against 8.
Ma Tau Chung 730 against 733.
Rural Areas:
Kam Tin 1,912 against 1,954.
San Uk Ling 738 against 729.
Gill's Cutting 377 against 384.
Total 7,566 against 7,633 on Dec. 2.

GEN. HSIUNG PING

CHUNGKING, Dec. 12 (Reuter).
"In view of the absence of Gen. Ho Yao-tsu, who recently went to Moscow by air to call on Soviet leaders," Gen. Hsiung Ping, who signed the Tientsin Agreement, has been appointed acting Director of the Executive Office of the Generalissimo's Headquarters, it was officially announced today.

It is, therefore, gathered in Chinese circles that Gen. Ho Yao-tsu is likely to make a lengthy stay in Russia.

pressionists, from Manet onwards, but work which was shunned and condemned is now admired and prized because it is better understood.

Freelandier is a strange figure in local art, and it will take some time before she will be properly appreciated. However, she has disturbed a sleepy art life, which cannot now slumber sweetly, and as such a force, her work deserves to be seen.—G.

RECITAL BY BARBARA GILMAR

AN ILL-CHOSEN PROGRAMME

As an effort to encourage musical interest in the Colony, the recital by Barbara Gilmar and A. T. Lay, at the Hongkong Hotel Roof Garden last night, was commendable. However, in a public performance, the artists must expect to be taken seriously, and in this light praise or criticism must be offered honestly.

Advance publicity notes of Barbara Gilmar since she made her first appearance here last year have engendered high expectations, and it must be said that last night those hopes were sadly confounded.

VOCAL ACROBAT

The programme was an ill-chosen one, and was more suited to a vocal acrobat. Neither the imagination, nor the sense of hearing, can be strained to admire a singer trying heavy dramatic pieces, such as the Tosca and La Boheme arias, and almost in the same breath, such delicate, coloratura morsels as Delibes' Les Filles des Cadix and De Falla's Jota.

Barbara Gilmar possesses a good voice, but her singing is spoiled by dryness, bad placing of certain vowels, and lack of expression.

The items which could at least be enjoyed were the Delibes and De Falla, in which, overlooking these faults, she seemed to be most at home.

Mr. A. T. Lay rendered a Fantasia by Mozart and Blumenfeld's Impromptu in G flat Major, which were enjoyed by the small audience.—G.

LEAGUE DEMANDS IMMEDIATE CESSATION OF THE HOSTILITIES BETWEEN FINLAND & SOVIET RUSSIA

Moving Appeal Made By Finnish Delegate

GENEVA, DEC. 12 (REUTER)—THE COUNCIL OF THE LEAGUE MET YESTERDAY MORNING TO CONSIDER FINLAND'S APPEAL.

ALTHOUGH THE SOVIET WAS NOT PRESENT, FORTY OF FIFTY-THREE STATES, WHICH ARE MEMBERS, SENT DELEGATES.

FOURTEEN DOCUMENTS WERE PRESENTED BY FINLAND AS A BACKGROUND FOR ITS APPEAL AND THESE WERE ISSUED BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL. THEY WERE THE TEXTS OF NOTES BETWEEN FINLAND AND RUSSIA FROM OCT. 14 TO NOV. 29.

Some South American States suggest that Russia should be excluded, but such expulsion requires a unanimous vote and certain members, including China, are unwilling to take such a step. This, it is thought, will not prevent a condemnation of Soviet Russia and it is expected that the final resolution will leave it open to League Members to take any action they think fit to help Finland, the procedure followed in the case of China's appeal against Japan.

GENEVA, Dec. 12 (Reuter)—The Committee of Fourteen appointed by the League Assembly to consider Finland's appeal, decided to send telegrams to Moscow and Helsinki proposing the immediate cessation of hostilities, to be followed by peace negotiations under the auspices of the League.

A period of twenty-four hours is given to both parties for a reply.

MOVING APPEAL

Addressing the Assembly, M. Holsti the Finnish delegate, said that Finland wanted more than sympathy and tears. She had shed enough tears of her own. In the face of aggression they needed more than sympathy.

"We are fighting a battle for the defence of the rights of man," he declared. "We ask for the help of all men of goodwill. We cannot defend our people against the shells and gas of our aggressors by a mere international resolution. If you help us, all men will bless you as the defenders of civilization."

M. Holsti then quoted from speeches made from the same tribune by M. Litvinoff, in which he had condemned aggression by other countries.

M. Holsti's moving appeal was warmly applauded.

THE COMMITTEE

GENEVA, Dec. 12 (Reuter)—The Committee appointed to examine the Finnish appeal comprises thirteen countries: Uruguay, France, the United Kingdom, Bolivia, Ireland, Egypt, Portugal, Venezuela, Siam, Sweden, Norway, Canada and India.

The Committee, which includes Poland, met privately immediately after its appointment under Sweden and proposed the despatch of telegrams to Moscow and Helsinki.

It was supported by the delegates from Eire, France and some other countries. The telegrams added that the Finnish Government had already accepted the League's mediation.

Mr. R.A. Butler said the Committee must be under no illusion with regard to the result of their efforts.

It was on Mr. Butler's proposal that a time-limit was fixed for the reply. Meanwhile, he suggested that the Commission should continue its labours and draft a resolution as though the appeal was not hanging in the balance. This was agreed.

ADDRESS TO ASSEMBLY

The Finnish delegate, M. Holsti, addressing the Assembly, said that all he wanted was to ask the League whether it was possible for all civilisation to help Finland.

That sympathy which has been shown throughout the world should be put in concrete form M. Holsti concluded: "Do your duty to the Finnish people as they are doing it heavily with blood."

FRENCH PRESS VIEW

PARIS, Dec. 12 (Reuter)—The French press takes the view that Germany is as much to blame as Russia in the aggression against Finland.

The Figaro says that the German attempt to play the innocent and bring the world's condemnation on Russia's shoulders alone fools no one.

It was entirely due to Germany.

HITCH IN NAZI REPATRIATION SCHEME

CRACOW, Dec. 12 (Reuter)—The Nazi-Soviet Commission here is meeting with difficulties in the discussion of the repatriation of their nationals.

The Germans refuse to hand over Ukrainian Nationalists and White Russians who fled into German occupied Poland.

Thousands of German families are waiting on the Russian side of the frontier to pass into German territory.



Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent will celebrate her 33rd birthday today. Formerly Princess Marina of Greece and Denmark she married the Duke of Kent on November 29, 1934.

Finnish White Paper: Soviet Demands Revealed

STOCKHOLM, DEC. 12 (REUTER)—THE FINNISH WHITE PAPER, WHICH HAS BEEN PUBLISHED, REVEALS FOR THE FIRST TIME THE FULL SOVIET DEMANDS AND THE FINNISH COUNTER-PROPOSALS.

THE WHITE PAPER CONSISTS OF 13 DOCUMENTS.

The Soviet demands included a 30-year lease of Hangö for the creation of a naval base, whose guns with those of the leased Estonian port of Baldiski, could close the Gulf of Finland, and the right to station certain troops there; also the cession of Hogland and other islands and territory on the Karelian Isthmus in return for which Russia would cede a territory twice as large as Finland.

Other terms were the strengthening of the non-aggression pact so that neither power is to join in alliances hostile to the other; mutual demarcation of the fortifications in the Karelian Isthmus; the Russians will not object to the fortification of the Aaland Islands provided that no other Power colonizes.

Finland, while ready to agree to most of the demands, declared that she could not comply with the grant of a naval base at Hangö. Russia insisted that she regarded Hangö as the minimum for the defence of Leningrad but was willing to reduce the number of troops she proposed to station there.

Finland declared that she was determined to maintain her integrity and said, inter alia, that the territory Russia proposed to cede was of unequal value to the territory demanded and emphasized that Finland was unwilling to grant a foreign State military bases on Finnish territory.

M. Molotov, Soviet Foreign Commissar, replied that the argument was untenable.

JAPANESE PLANS TO CAPTURE NINGPO & WENCHOW

SHANGHAI, Dec. 12 (Int'l)—A combined Japanese naval and land operations for the capture of Ningpo and Wenchow on the coast of Chekiang will be started some time this month.

Instructions to this effect were recently brought to Shanghai by Prince Chichibu. The attacking forces, it is said, consist of three detachments of bluejackets, twenty warships and some land forces from Formosa.

At present the Japanese are in control of the Hangchow Bay area in north-east Chekiang province.

Air Activity On Eastern Frontier

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter)—A Finnish communiqué states that two enemy attacks yesterday on the Taipale River were repulsed with heavy losses. Seven tanks were destroyed and enemy attempts to cross the Voksi water system in Kiviniemi failed.

There was severe fighting all along the eastern frontier.

On the northern coast, above Lake Ladoga, the enemy advanced in one sector, but enemy attacks in another sector were repulsed.

SURPRISE ATTACK

Our troops advanced elsewhere and destroyed four enemy companies by a surprise attack.

After heavy fighting, the enemy occupied the village of Lapland, near the Russian frontier.

Coastal batteries engaged enemy naval units in a fog and, judging from the explosions heard from the sea, the batteries scored some direct hits.

There was air activity along the eastern frontier where enemy planes bombed a lighthouse in the Gulf of Finland.

SCHOOL ENROL

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter)—Six thousand Finnish schoolboys, too young to serve with the Finnish Army have enrolled as volunteers in the battle against Soviet aggression. M. Erkkö, who is now Finnish Minister to Sweden said yesterday.

Many of these, he said, have already given their lives for their country.

T. J. Gibblison, 32, marine engineer, appeared before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Court yesterday charged with being drunk and disorderly and using abusive language towards Captain W. Ferritt at the Star Ferry wharf on Monday morning. The defendant pleaded guilty and expressed a wish to apologise to Capt. Ferritt.

A fine of \$20 each imposed.

SYMPATHY FOR CHINA'S POSITION AT MEETING OF LEAGUE

DECISION NOT TO VOTE

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter)—The newspapers call attention sympathetically to China's position in Geneva and her decision not to vote on the Russo-Finnish question.

The News-Chronicle says that many States are forced, by circumstances, to look to their own interests rather than uphold principles. China certainly has no sympathy for aggressors, but does not dare to alienate Russia, whose continued help against Japan is vital for her.

QUITE IMPROPER

The fact that the League failed to expel Japan and Italy when they violated the Covenant does not necessarily mean that such a course should not be followed now, inconsistent though it would be, but it would be quite improper to expel Russia because she is a Bolshevik State rather than because she is an aggressor.

What the League can do is to condemn Russian aggression in unmistakable terms and to urge all members to give their help to Finland.

LEAGUE POSITION

The League is not in a position to exercise its influence militarily today, but is consolidating the attitude among nations, which one day will give birth to an international body possessing the authority and power to take decisive action against aggression wherever it may occur.

WESTERN FRONT Night Attack Repulsed

PARIS, Dec. 12 (Reuter)—On the Western front the Nazis seem to be giving special attention to that section of the line held by British troops.

Semi-official reports say that German patrol activity was particularly heavy in the British section.

One German patrol on Sunday night attacked an isolated British outpost. The enemy was repulsed and there were no British casualties.

A French official wireless commentator remarks that the performance of British troops in the line is an event of capital importance, for it gives the lie to the insidious German propaganda that the British were leaving all the work to the French.

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter)—An Order-of-the-day issued by the Commander of the British troops in the Maginot Line, begins:

"You have been chosen to go into action as the vanguard of the British Army. We shall be in the closest touch with our Allies, who extend to us a very warm welcome. Unless everyone had done his duty since the arrival in France, this unique honour would not have been conferred on you."

CHINA WAR NEWS

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ANNIHILATION ATTACK
LOYANG, Dec. 12 (Central)—Japanese forces making a stand at Machiamiao, south-east of Yenchangchen, in South Shansi, are being subjected to an annihilating attack.

A part of them succeeded in breaking through the Chinese cordon and fled towards Yenchangchen on Sunday.

Those holding out at Wangmiao, immediately northeast of Machiamiao, have been cut into several groups and are in a precarious position.

On the Hsianghsien sector, the Chinese are steadily pressing back the invaders. They have pounded heavily at the town with their artillery.

About 1,000 Japanese in Hsianghsien have withdrawn to the east. Recapture of the town by the Chinese is believed imminent.

CHINESE SUCCESS

KWELIN, Dec. 12 (Central)—Kaotieh, north of Nanning, was recovered by Chinese troops last Sunday. The Japanese set fire to the houses upon their retreat and carried away scores of peasants.

ANOTHER ATTACK

YUNYUN, KWANGTUNG, Dec. 12 (Central)—Some 4,000 Japanese were engaged by the Chinese northeast of Nganchangau on the Canton-Hankow Railway last Saturday and Sunday.

POLISH SUBMARINE'S THRILLING ADVENTURES IN BALTIC WATERS

Escape From Arrest In Estonia To Join Royal Navy In England

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter)—A thrilling account of the escape of the Polish submarine Orzel from the Baltic to England became available in London. Here is just a general outline.

When Germany invaded Poland, the Orzel slipped out of Gdynia and cruised submerged in the Gulf of Danzig for four days. It was not long before she was bombed by German aircraft and so she made for the wider waters of the Baltic, dodging a cordon of Nazi destroyers on the way.

The captain was a sick man before the trip started and he was so ill that he had to be hoisted to the conning tower by a rope. It was decided, as he grew worse, to land him in a neutral port and so the submarine put in at the Estonian port of Tallinn, where the First-Lieutenant took command.

PLACED UNDER ARREST

As a German merchantman was leaving the port, the Estonian authorities made the submarine stay in port for another twenty-four hours. They then announced that as the submarine had exceeded the time allowed under international law to remain in a neutral port, she was under arrest. The breech-blocks, charts and small arms were removed and preparations were made to take off the torpedoes. Two guards were put on the submarine, one on board and one on the jetty.

A Polish Officer severed the wire hoisting the torpedoes out of the submarine and so the operations were postponed. Meanwhile, the captain was busy with a hacksaw severing all the hawsers detaining the submarine, except one. A plan was worked out to overpower the guards and get away from Tallinn as quickly as possible.

THE ESCAPE

At midnight, two burly sailors approached the guard on the jetty, engaged him in conversation and taking him unawares, bundled him into the submarine. The guard on board was also overpowered and the officer cut

U.S. - JAPANESE PARLEYS

SHANGHAI, Dec. 12 (Reuter)—According to a Chinese report, Mr. Sotomatsu Kato, Japanese Minister-at-Large to China, will be leaving Shanghai tomorrow for Peiping where he will call on the United States Ambassador, Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, to resume discussions regarding Japanese-American problems in the Far East.

scoutly getting right and trim and their submarine was at times almost unmanageable.

SAFETY REACHED

In addition, they frequently had to go down to the bottom to escape Nazi destroyers.

In the North Sea their radio went out of action, so that they could put out no recognition signals, placing them at the mercy of both British and German anti-submarine craft.

Finally, however, they got a faint message through to a British shore station and a British destroyer came out and escorted them triumphantly into harbour, after forty-four days.

The Orzel is now part of the British Royal Navy.

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WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory
10 a.m., December 12.
Barometer (at sea level), 30.34 ins.
Temperature, 62 F.
Humidity, 64 per cent.
Wind Direction, N.E.
Wind Force (Beaufort), 3.
Temperature; maximum yesterday, 66 F.
Temperature; minimum last night, 57 F.
Rainfall for 24 hrs., ending 10 a.m. today, nil.
Total rainfall since January 1st, 86.70 ins.
Against an average of 84.50 ins.
Sunset to-night, 5.40 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 6.54 a.m.
4 p.m., December 12.
Barometer (at sea level), 30.23 ins.
Temperature, 63 F.
Humidity, 64 per cent.
Wind Direction, E.
Wind Force (Beaufort), 4.
Maximum temperature, 65 F.
Minimum temperature, 57 F.
Rainfall, nil.

STRICT OBSERVANCE OF DEFENCE REGULATIONS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT

Chinese Newspaper Editor Fined At Magistracy

"The defendant was obtaining news through a receiving set and putting the results in the newspaper. That, of course, in these troubled times, cannot be looked upon but with seriousness. What is the use of the work done by the censors here if that is allowed?" Observed Mr. M. J. Abbott, Assistant Crown Solicitor, at the Central Court yesterday, when he conducted the prosecution against Koo Pak-men, Editor of a Chinese daily, Wah Kiu Yat Po, before Mr. R. Edwards in connexion with an alleged breach of the Defence Regulations.

Koo was charged with the possession of a note book containing 22 sets of instructions for converting code book, in Chinese plain language, into a secret code, and four sets of instructions for converting commercial wireless abbreviations, etc., into means of secretly conveying, receiving or recording information. He was also summoned for a breach of his broadcasting receiving licence on November 8.

PLEA OF GUILTY

Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russ appeared on behalf of the defendant and pleaded guilty, admitting that it was only a technical offence.

Mr. Abbott said that about noon, on November 8, Mr. J. Key, Wireless Inspector, visited the defendant's house in Wyndham Street. The defendant was home, and the receiving set and the licence were found on a table on a desk and in the drawers Mr. Key found a large number of documents, containing messages and as many as 24 different methods of conveying information.

"I am disinclined to disclose in this public Court the various methods of translation for obvious reasons," added Mr. Abbott.

Mr. Abbott also produced cable messages and cuttings from the Wah Kiu Yat Po, which, he said, were identical.

Mr. Russ told the Court that the wireless receiving set was the personal property of the defendant and not that of the journal of which the defendant was only an employee.

MITIGATION PLEA

Pleading in mitigation, Mr. Russ asked the Court to judge the case according to the intention of the defendant and the damages suffered, if any, through the offence. The Court must consider whether or not the conduct of the defendant was undesirable, and also the reputation of the newspaper.

The Wah Kiu Yat Po, said Mr. Russ, was ultra patriotic and deeply sympathetic with the Allied aims, regarding the present European war.

Mr. Russ cited many leader articles published by the paper during September, the attitude of which, he said, were entirely in support of the Allies. The journal

had, in no way, adopted any method which might have harassed the British Government. Continuing, Mr. Russ further pointed out that the newspaper had not published any items which might prove a danger to either the military, naval or Government point of view.

Until the Defence Regulations came into force, the defendant was entitled to keep the codes in his drawers. It was only because he did not destroy them that he had committed an offence. The Regulations were drastic and stringent, and the case was one where the Court could exercise every leniency, concluded Mr. Russ.

SERIOUS OFFENCES

Mr. Abbott said the offences committed were serious. The wireless set in question was not an ordinary domestic one, but essentially a set designed for receiving something more than broadcast music. It was an experimental or communication receiving set.

The prosecution could not produce any evidence that the secret codes had been used but the inference could be drawn because the secret codes were kept with the plain code.

"When charged with the offences, the defendant said he did not know the regulations. This case is not the first of its kind and if the defendant, being the editor of a newspaper, did not know the regulations, who else is in a better position to know?" added Mr. Abbott.

Mr. Edwards, after considering the submissions, remarked that strict observance of the Defence Regulations and the Telegraphic and Communication Regulations were extremely important.

THE PENALTY

On the charge of unlawful possession of secret codes, a fine of \$1,000 was imposed, and His Worship ordered the codes to be retained by Executive Authorities for the duration of the war. On the summons for breach of wireless licence regulations, defendant was fined \$250. The set, valued at \$220, was ordered to be confiscated.

On the application of Mr. Abbott, the granted \$125 as a reward for the informant.

93 DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS

There were 93 deaths from tuberculosis in the Colony during the week ending Dec. 9, when 181 cases were notified to the Health Department.

Other returns include 12 deaths from dysentery (46 cases notified), 5 deaths from enteric fever (12 cases notified), 4 deaths from diphtheria (14 cases notified), 3 deaths from small-pox (one imported), and 3 deaths from cerebro-spinal fever.

Twenty-seven cases of tuberculosis, six cases of dysentery, two cases of small-pox, one case of enteric fever and one case of chicken-pox were notified to the Health authorities on Dec. 11.

AIRPORT NEWS

Imperial Airways:

SOUTHBOUND

Sunday: Hanol, Bangkok.

Della—7 a.m.

NORTHBOUND

Friday: Bangkok, Hanol, Hongkong.

Delphinus—4 p.m.

Air France:

NORTHBOUND

Wednesday: France, Hanol, Hongkong.

Service—4 p.m.

SOUTHBOUND

Thursday: Hanol, France.

Service—8 a.m.

Pan American Airways:

EASTBOUND

Sunday: U. S. A., Manila, Hongkong.

Honolulu Clipper—2 p.m.

WESTBOUND

Monday: Manila, U.S.A.

Honolulu Clipper—8.30 a.m.

MANY CHILDREN IN Y.M.C.A. PANTOMIME

There is a well founded opinion that children should not take part in theatrical performances. However this may be it is certain that the children love to be in a "show," and the public loves to see them there. From what we hear the 18 children in the cast of "All Baba" just love it. They appear in no less than five numbers including an Imp Dance and a Lullaby.

The youngsters only attend at two or three of the evening rehearsals, and even so are dismissed for bed at nine o'clock.

The children, aged 8 to 13, have been working very hard, mostly on Saturday afternoons, and we feel sure that the Hongkong pantomime audiences will give them a hearty welcome.

Austrian Stowaway Charged

Charged with having stowed away on a Dutch liner which arrived from Shanghai yesterday, an Austrian, Israel Siegfried Streicher, 19, of Vienna, pleaded guilty when he appeared before Mr. E. Elmsworth at Kowloon Court yesterday.

Defendant pleaded guilty also to having entered the Colony without a passport and to being a vagrant. He was committed to the House of Detention pending expulsion from the Colony.

A ten-year reclamation project for Seochwan has been formulated by order of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, who is concurrently Chairman of the Seochwan Provincial Government. The project lays stress on agriculture, animal husbandry and afforestation.

WEDNESDAY'S MENU

BREAKFAST

Bananas and Cream
Cereal
Apple Fritters and Sausages
Bran Muffins
Coffee

LUNCHEON

cream of Tomato Soup
Tuna Fish Salad
Vegetable Plate
Poached Eggs on Toast
Celery and Olives
Pumpkin Pie
Tea

DINNER

Clear Onion Soup
Asparagus Salad
Roast Leg Lamb
Apple Sauce
Potatoes au Gratin
String Beans
Baked Squash
Date and Raisin Pudding
Coffee

LONDON GAZETTE

Supplement to the London Gazette:
WAR OFFICE, DEC. 1

REGULAR ARMY

ROYAL REGIMENT OF ARTILLERY
Lt. E. P. G. E. Neufeld is placed on the h.p. list on account of ill-health (Sept. 27).

INFANTRY

E. Lan. R.—Capt. J. P. Williams is placed on the h.p. list on account of ill-health (Oct. 26).

Lt. L.—Capt. H. M. Curle, M.C., from h.p. list, to be Capt. (Aug. 23) and to retain his present rank (substituted for the notice in the Gazette of Aug. 29).

ROYAL ARMY ORDNANCE CORPS
The notice regarding Sec. Lt. O.M.E. 5th Lt. E. R. Pickering in the Gazette of Sept. 1 is cancelled.

MEMORANDA

Maj.-Gen. H. Needham, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., ret. pay (Res. of O.R.), to be spec. empl. (Aug. 25); Col. (temp. Brig.) A. S. Macrae, C.B.E., is granted the actg. rank of Maj.-Gen. while spec. empl. (Dec. 1).

WAR OFFICE, NOV. 28

REGULAR ARMY

Maj.-Gen. H. R. S. Massey, D.S.O., M.C., is granted the actg. rank of Lt.-Gen. (Oct. 25); Col. (temp. Brig.) F. G. Chalmer, D.S.O., M.C., retires Nov. 28, and is retained in his appt. Col. (actg. Brig.) H. F. Dawes, D.S.O., retires on Oct. 2, and is retained in his appt. (Substituted for the notice in the Gazette of Oct. 6).

The foll. cols. are granted the temp. rank of Brig.—K. de L. Young, M.C., Ind. Army, while empl. as Comdt. (Sept. 4); N. G. Hind, M.C., Ind. Army, while empl. (Sept. 20).

COMMANDS AND STAFF

Maj.-Gen. Sir E. Gibb, K.B.E., C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. (Col. Comdt. R.A.S.C.), ret. pay (Res. of O.R.) to be Dir. (Oct. 17); Lt.-Col. W. H. Fry, M.C., ret. pay (Res. of O.R.) to be Dir. (Oct. 17); Lt.-Col. W. H. Fry, M.C., ret. pay (Res. of O.R.) to be G.S.O. 2nd Grade (Aug. 26).

Capt. A. N. T. Meneses, M.B., to be Maj. (Oct. 23); Lt. (Qr.-Mr.) J. W. Lockwood, M.M., to be Capt. (Qr.-Mr.) (Oct. 24).

ROYAL ARMY ORDNANCE CORPS
Col. (O.O. 1st Cl.) J. F. King having attained the age for retirement is placed on ret. pay (Nov. 29); Col. (O.M.E. 1st Cl.) L. J. H. Gardiner is removed from the Corps and remains on the Active List (Feb. 20).

ROYAL ARMY VETERINARY CORPS

Lt. D. MacK. Stewart to be Capt. (Sept. 1).

THE ARMY DENTAL CORPS

Short Service Commission—Lt. J. J. Bailey to be Capt. (Nov. 28).

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE

The foll. having attained the age for retirement are placed on ret. pay:—Matron Miss G. S. Brownlow (Nov. 19); Sister Miss A. Whitworth (Oct. 12).

Staff Nurses to be Sisters:—Miss E. N. M. Lunn (Aug. 27); Miss P. B. A. Jones (Sept. 1), with senior next below Miss M. E. A. Fisher; Miss M. P. A. Albrecht (Oct. 10); Miss G. R. Walter (Oct. 10).

To be Staff Nurses on provl. appt.:—(Oct. 26)—Miss E. M. Orrell, Miss F. M. Osborne, Miss M. P. Ramsey, (Oct. 26)—Miss G. L. Sumpter, Miss E. M. Jenner, Miss K. J. Ford; (Nov. 14)—Miss E. M. Stonham, Miss J. Adams, Miss M. E. McEwan, Miss J. J. Baird, Miss A. M. Heywood, Miss J. C. J. Keir, Miss J. F. M. Brims, Miss L. C. Allan, Miss S. E. Toland, Miss L. M. Paris, Miss M. D. Elchea, Miss J. Tozer, Miss E. M. Lloyd; (Nov. 15)—Miss L. E. Padden, Miss M. G. Harrison; (Nov. 16)—Miss K. L. Brewin; (Nov. 20)—Miss Kelly.

ESTABLISHMENTS

Capt. C. G. Stather, R. E., to be Instr. in Engineering (Sept. 1).

The case in which five bus conductors of the Kowloon Motor Bus Company and an unemployed man and a woman are charged on some 20 counts of possession of forged bus tickets, possession of forged documents, and embezzlement, was continued before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen, at the Kowloon Court yesterday, when several witnesses were heard. Hearing will be continued next Tuesday afternoon.



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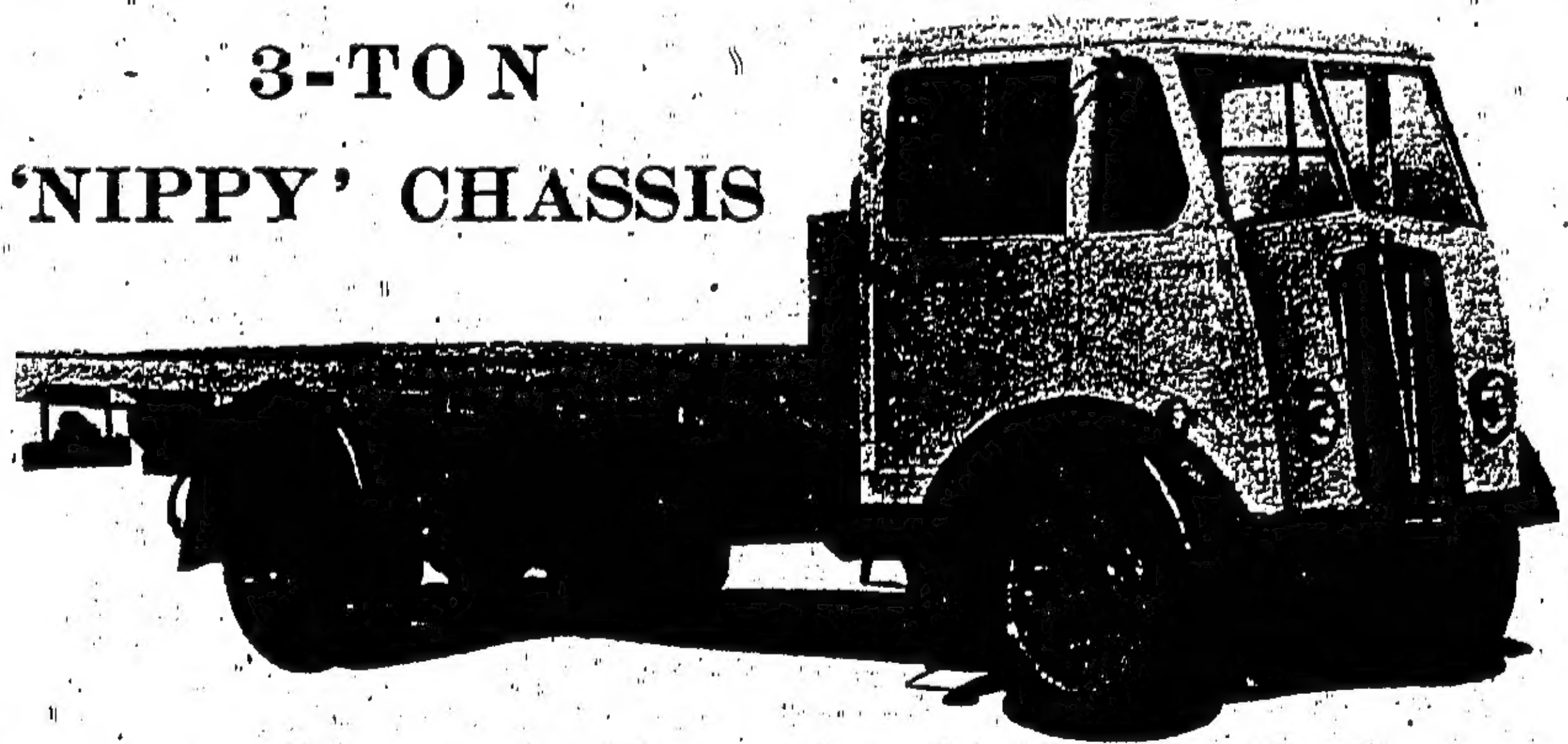
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BANKS

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS
DECEMBER 12, 1939

On London:—	Telegraphic Transfer. 1/2 7/8
Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 7/8	
Credits 4 months' sight 1 1/4	
On Shanghai:—	
On demand	330
On Singapore:—	
On demand	53 3/4
On Japan:—	
On demand	103 1/4
On India:—	
Telegraphic Transfer. 1/2 7/8	
and demand	82 1/2
On New York:—	
Bank Bills, on demand 24 3/8	
Credits, 60 days' sight 2 1/2	
On Batavia:—	
On demand	45 3/8
On Paris:—	
Bank Bills, on demand 1090	
Credits 4 months' sight 1145	
On Saigon:—	
On demand	108 1/2
On Manila:—	
On demand	48 3/4
On Bangkok:—	
On demand	149 1/2
Sterling Notes:—	
Bank Buying Rate ... 1/4	
Bar Silver per oz.	33 5/16

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

Silver prices rose 3/16 yesterday for both deliveries, the quotations being 235/16 for Ready and 231/2 for Forward. Silver advances reported India as having operated both ways. The market was steady but quiet. American Silver was quoted at 343/4 for Spot.

The London-New York cross-rate was quoted at 402. New York-London was quoted at 393 1/4.

Market

Featureless.
Sterling
There were sellers at 1/231/32 December/March and 1/215/16 April/May, buyers at 1/3 Cash and 1/231/32 April.

U.S. Dollars

There were sellers at 24 1/2 Cash, 24 7/16 December, 24 1/4 January was 24 1/8 February, buyers at 24 9/16 Cash, 24 1/2 December, 24 3/8 January and 24 1/4 February.

Shanghai Dollars

327.
Shanghai Market
Sterling opened with sellers for Spot at 433/64, and at the close sellers were quoted at 435/64 for Spot. U.S. Dollars opened with sellers for Spot at 713/32. Subsequently the rate rose to 715/32 and at the close sellers were quoted at 717/16 for Spot.

Afternoon Market

The market was quiet in the afternoon.

Sterling

The market closed with sellers at 1/231/32 December/March and 1/215/16 April/May, buyers at 1/3 Cash and 1/231/32 April.

U.S. Dollars

Closed with sellers at 24 1/2 Cash, 24 7/16 December, 24 1/4 January and 24 1/8 February, buyers at 24 9/16 Cash, 24 1/2 December, 24 3/8 January and 24 1/4 February.

Shanghai Dollars

Towards the close there were sellers for Spot at 324.

Shanghai Market

Towards the close there were sellers for Spot at 49/16.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Dec. 12 (Reuter).
Official T.T. Rates

London	0/4-1/4
New York	6-7/8
Japan	29-1/4
India	23-1/2
Paris	311
Hongkong	28-1/4

Sellers

Spot	0/4-35/64	0/4-37/64
Dec.	0/4-35/64	0/4-37/64
Jan.	0/4-17/32	0/4-9/16

U.S. Dollars

Spot	27-7/16	27-1/2
Dec.	7-13/32	7-15/32
Jan.	7-5/16	7-3/8

Market:—Uncertain.

Merchant Rates

Sterling, 0/4-1/2.
U.S. Dollars, 27-3/8.

Silver duty Rate

The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2, unchanged from yesterday.
The Equalisation rate was 23-1/2 per cent.

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COMMODITY MARKET REVIEW

(FROM PAYNE & CO.)

SINGAPORE RUBBER			
Dec. 9		Dec. 11	
buyers	Change	buyers	Change
S P O T	38-1/8	38-1/2	up 3/8
JAN-MARCH	38-3/4	37-1/8	
APRIL-JUNE	34-5/8	35	

The market was steady.

LONDON RUBBER			
Dec. 9		Dec. 11	
buyers	Change	buyers	Change
S P O T	11-1/8	11-1/2	up 3/8
JAN-MARCH	11-3/16	11-9/16	
APRIL-JUNE	11-1/16	11-7/16	

After ruling firm in response to overseas demand, further advances made on covering, outside and American buying. Market closed strong.

NEW YORK COTTON: The reduction of the export subsidy, the tightness in "free supplies," the firmness of December position, and the growers' persistent holding movement are all stimulating factors.

NEW YORK RUBBER: Following the strength of the London and the primary markets, the market was firm on improved factory and Commission House demand. Liquidation has apparently run its course. With the scarcity of supplies and the favourable consumption prospects the market is likely to go higher.

CHICAGO WHEAT: The market was easy, reflecting the weakness of the Winnipeg market. There has been increased Trade selling on advances, while unfavourable crop news is unchanged.

NEW YORK STOCKS: Previous close, 147.93; Today's close, 147.05; Change, off 83.

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

(By Courtesy of Messrs. Swan, Culbertson & Fritz and S. E. Levy & Company)

		High	Low	Close	Change
New York Cotton, Mar.		10.48	10.24	10.28	17 up
New York Rubber, Mar.		19.10	18.97	18.76	31 up
Chicago Wheat, May		98 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	3 off
Chicago Corn, May		58	55 1/2	55 1/2	3 off
New York Hides, May		15.20	15.01	15.02	15 off

		High	Low	Close	Change
December		10.57/58	10.74/73	10.75/77	18 up
January		10.54/54	10.68/68	10.69/69	15 up
March		10.28/30	10.42/41	10.45/48	17 up
May		9.96/97	10.03/04	10.10/14	14 up
July		9.60/60	9.70/69	9.75/76	15 up
July (New contract) ..		9.79 N	9.92/91	9.95/95	18 up
October ()		9.11/11	9.23/21	9.28/30	15 up
December ()		unquoted		unquoted	
Volume				117,600 bales	
Spot		10.69 N		10.85 N	16 up

Note: December cotton, last notice day—15/12/39.

		High	Low	Close	Change
December		19.75 N		20.00b/12a	25 up
March		18.76b/80a	18.99/99	19.07/07	31 up
May		18.30b/35a	18.55/55	18.65/65	35 up
July		18.03 N	18.30/39	18.38/40	35 up
September		17.90/90		18.27/29	37 up

Note: December rubber, last notice day—27/12/39.

Total sale for the day:—1,840 tons.

		High	Low	Close	Change
December		97 1/2/97 1/2		98 1/2/98 1/2	4 off
May		94 1/2/95	95 1/2/95	94 1/2/94 1/2	4 off
July		92 1/2/93	93 1/2/93	92 1/2/92 1/2	4 off

Saturday's sales:—21,038,000 bushels.

		High	Low	Close	Change
December		54 1/2/54 1/2		53 1/2/53 1/2	1 off
May		55 1/2/55 1/2	55 1/2/55 1/2	55 1/2/55 1/2	1 off
July		55 1/2/55 1/2	56 1/2/55 1/2	55 1/2/55 1/2	1 off

		High	Low	Close	Change
December		81 1/2/81 1/2	81 1/2/81 1/2	79 1/2/79 1/2	18 off
May		85 1/2/85 1/2		83 1/2/84	18 off
July		86 1/2/86 1/2		84 1/2/84 1/2	18 off

		High	Low	Close	Change
March		15.02/02	15.15/20	15.01/02	01 off
June		15.27b/30a	15.40/40	15.31/32	04 up
New York, Official		unquoted		34-3/4	
NY-London Cross Rate 3.91-1/4				3.93-1/4	

LONDON METALS EXCHANGE

London, Dec. 11 (Reuter).

		High	Low	Close	Change
Standard, Cash 27 1/2				27 1/2	
Standard, 3 months 288				268-1/2	

Calcutta Exchange

Calcutta, Dec. 11 (Reuter).

T.T. on Japan, 81-1/8

India Rupee Paper

Bombay, Dec. 11 (Reuter).

Government 3 1/2 Rupee, 87-08-0 nominal.

New York Exchange

New York, Dec. 11 (Reuter).

T.T. on London (Opening Rate), 3.91-1/4.

SILVER MARKET

LONDON SILVER

London, Dec. 11 (Reuter).

Silver: India bought and sold.

Market steady. In the afternoon, the market was quietly steady.

Spot, 23-5/16d.

Forward, 23-1/2d.

NEW YORK SILVER

New York, Dec. 11 (Reuter).

Official Price, 34-3/4.

BOMBAY SILVER

Bombay, Dec. 11 (Reuter).

Market—Quiet, offake 150 bars.

Indian Mint Silver

Ready 61-10 || Jan. 6 Settlement | 61-14 |
| Feb. 3 Settlement | 62-10 |

LONDON GOLD

London, Dec. 11 (Reuter).

Bar Gold, Fine per oz., 168.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

QUOTATION

DECEMBER 12, 1939

STOCKS		Last Sale	Dec. 11
Adams Express		81	
Allegheny Steel Co.		22 1/2	
Allied Stores		94	
Allis Chalmers		38 1/2	
Aluminum Ltd.		97 1/2	
Amerada Corp.		—	
Amer. Can.		111	
American Cyanamid B.		31 1/2	
Amer. & Foreign Power ..		2	
Amer. Foreign P. & E.		25 1/2	
American Gas & Elec.		37 1/2	
Amer. Locomotive		22 1/2	
Amer. Metals Co.		24 1/2	
Amer. Radiator		94	
Amer. Rolling Mill		16 1/2	
Amer. S'ing and Ring Co.		50 1/2	
Amer. Sugar Refining		20 1/2	
Amer. Tel. & Tel.		169 1/2	
Amer. Tobacco "B"		83	
Amer. Waterworks		11	
Anaconda Copper		30 1/2	
Atchafalpa T. & S. Fe.		24	
Auburn Motors		2 1/2	
Baltimore & Ohio		5 1/2	
Barber Asphalt Co.		14 1/2	
Barnsdall Oil		12 1/2	
Bendix Aviation		29 1/2	
Bethlehem Steel		31	
Bliss & Co.		15 1/2	
Boeing Airplane Co.		21 1/2	
Borg-Warner		24 1/2	
Biggs Manufacturing		22 1/2	
Brooklyn-Manhattan Trans.		14 1/2	
Brooklyn-Manhattan T. & E.		49	
Canadian Pacific Rwy.		4 1/2	
Case J. I.		71 1/2	
Celanese		27 1/2	
Chesapeake & Ohio		36 1/2	
Chrysler Corp.		86 1/2	
Climax-Molybdenum Co.		47	
Colts Patent Fire-Arms ..		81 1/2	
Columbia Gas & E.		8 1/2	
Columbia 6% "A" pf.		84 1/2	
Commercial Credit Co.		45	
Com. & Southern (ord) ..		1 1/2	
Commonwealth 6% cum. pf.		—	
Consolidated Edison		29 1/2	
Continental Can.		42	
Continental Oil		22 1/2	
Corn Products		82	
Curtiss Wright (C.)		10	
Curtiss Wright "A"		28 1/2	
Deere & Co.		22 1/2	
Distillers Corp. Seagrams		16 1/2	
Douglas Aircraft		76 1/2	
Du Pont de Nemours		179	
Eagle Picher Lead		11 1/2	
Eaton Mfg. Co.		29	
Elec. Auto.		37 1/2	
Elec. Bond & Share		7 1/2	
Elec. Bond & Share 5% pf.		57 1/2	
Elec. Bond & Share 5% pf.		67 1/2	
Elec. Power & Light 5% pf.		29 1/2	
Flintkote		21 1/2	
Gen. American Trans.		55 1/2	
Gen. Electric		38 1/2	
Gen. Motors		53 1/2	
Gen. Railway Signal		18 1/2	
Gen. Tire & Rubber		22	
Glidden Co.		17 1/2	
Goodrich (B.F.)		19 1/2	
Goodrich 5% pf.		65 1/2	
Goodyear Tire & Co.		23 1/2	
Great Northern Iron Ore ..		17 1/2	
Great Northern Rly. pf.		26 1/2	
Great Western Sugar		29 1/2	
Greyhound Corp.		17 1/2	
Hercules Powder Co.		87	
Homestake Mining		59 1/2	
International Harvester ..		60	
Int. Nickel		35 1/2	
Int. Tel. & Tel.		4 1/2	
Johns-Manville		78 1/2	
J. & Laughlin Steel 7% pf.		68	
Kennecott Copper		37 1/2	

		—bid.	—ex div.			
DOW JONES AVERAGE						
1939		Jones Average		Dec. 12, 1939		
High	Low	Dow	Dec. 9	High	Low	Change
158.98	151.44	30 Industrial	147.83	149.27	146.67	147.05 .89 off
38.90	34.14	30 Rails	31.88	31.68	31.23	31.24 .04 off
37.07	30.70	30 Utilities	28.02	28.06	24.83	24.89 .13 off
29.25	24.51	40 Bonds	20.27			18.11 .26 off
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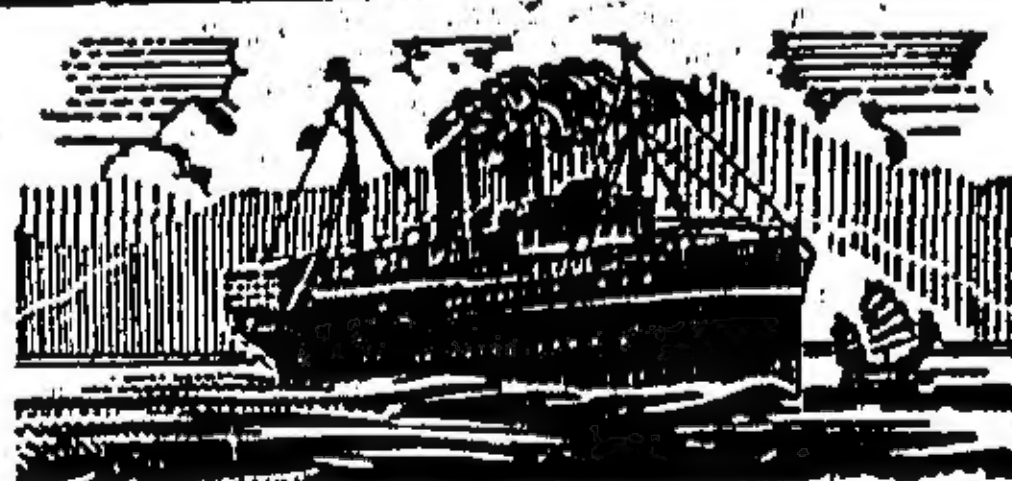
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From 13 to 19 Dec. 1939

Days of Week	Day of Month	HIGH WATER.		LOW WATER.	
		Hong Kong Standard Time	Height ft.	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height ft.
Wed.	13	12 08	4.9	05 05	1.1
		22 28	7.5	13 49	3.9
Thur.	14	12 03	4.9	05 42	1.9
		22 58	7.4	13 28	4.0
Fri.	15	13 37	7.3	06 22	1.4
		23 21	7.0	17 04	4.2
Sat.	16	14 28	4.9	06 59	1.8
		23 48	6.5	17 45	4.3
Sun.	17	—	—	07 40	2.0
		15 15	4.9	18 35	4.5
Mon.	18	00 32	6.0	08 24	2.4
		16 04	5.1	19 49	4.7
Tue.	19	01 07	5.6	08 09	2.7
		16 48	5.3	22 18	4.6

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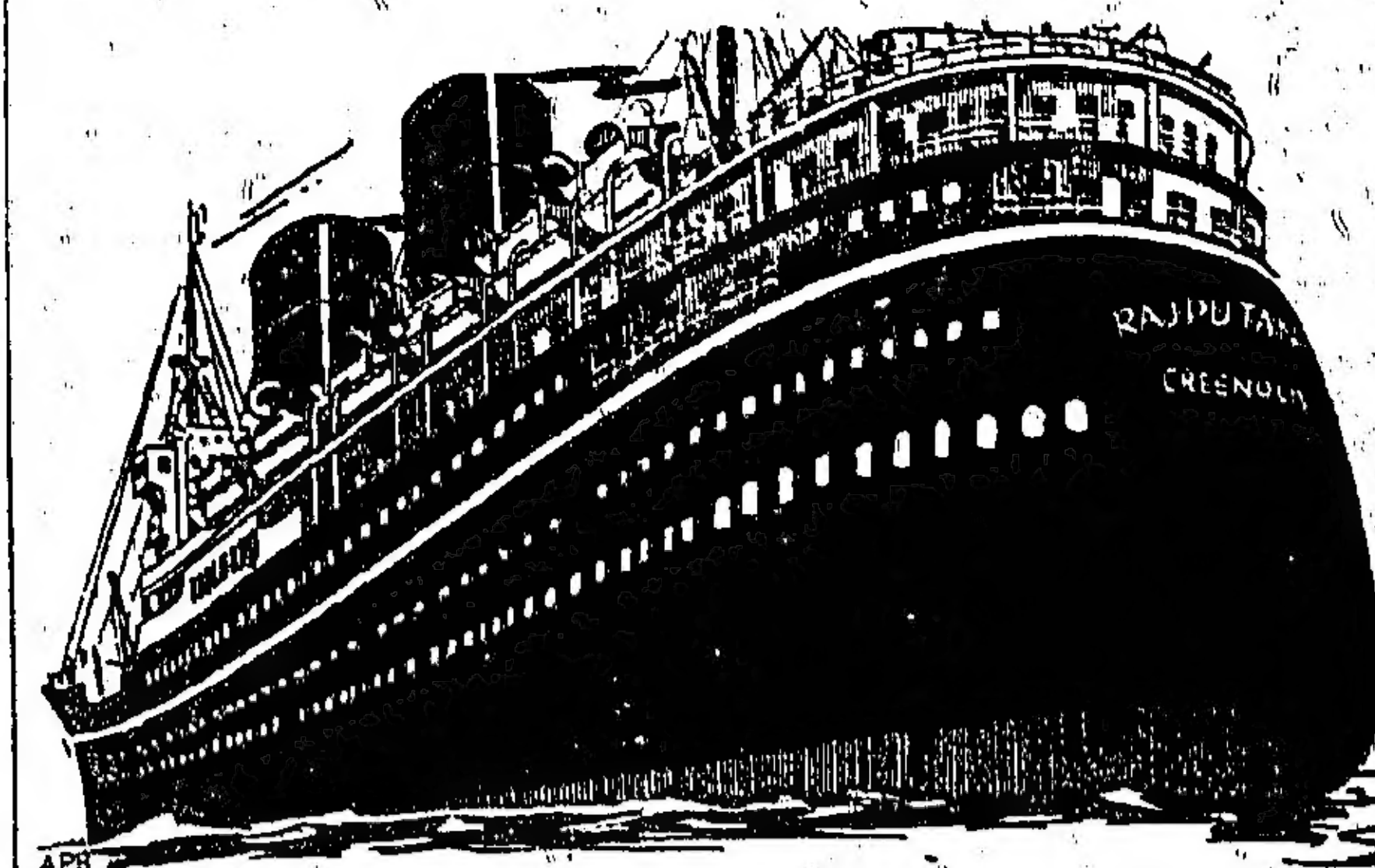
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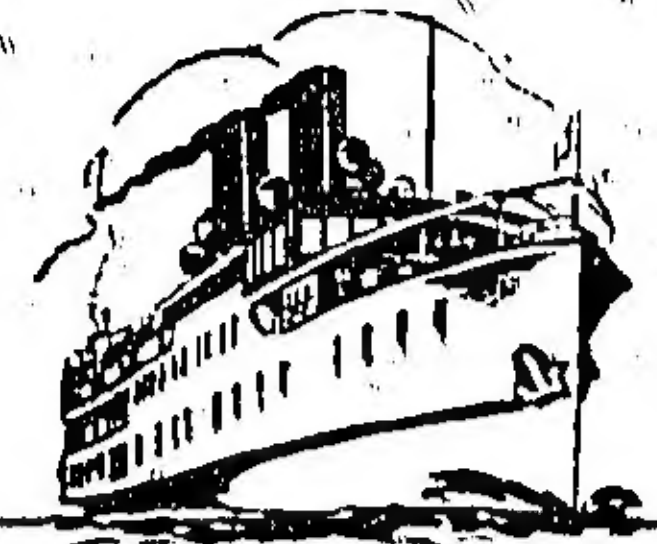
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**Manila Bout Postponed:
Dempsey Unable To
Arrive In City On Time**

MANILA, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—The fight between GARCIA, Filipino middleweight champion of the world, and GLEN LEE, scheduled to take place at the Rizal Memorial Stadium on Saturday, December 16, has been postponed, it was announced today by Jess Cortes.



JACK DEMPSEY

The reason for the postponement, Reuter was informed, was because Jack Dempsey, former world heavyweight champion, who is to referee the bout, cannot arrive in Manila on time.

He is travelling by the Honolulu Clipper which has been held up at San Francisco by bad weather. The Clipper, which was expected to arrive on Saturday afternoon, is now unlikely to reach port before December 14.

This is the first world championship bout to be held in Manila.

NATIONAL HERO
Garcia has fired the imagination of the population and is regarded as a national hero. He is a heavy favourite to retain his title despite Glen Lee's fine reputation as a clever and hard-hitting middleweight.

While no definite decision has been reached, it is announced that the fight may possibly be postponed for one week to Saturday, December 23.



DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS

FAIRBANKS DEAD

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The Mark of Zorro, The Three Musketeers, Robin Hood and the Thief of Bagdad, are among the greatest films in which Fairbanks has appeared.

GREATEST PRODUCER

President of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, Fairbanks were interested in the United Artists Corporation in America and the Allied Artists, Ltd., in England and the continent. He was rated by many as the greatest of all cinema producers and stars.

Fairbanks visited Hongkong on no less than four occasions. In 1935, his wife, Mary Pickford, obtained a divorce and in the following year Fairbanks married Lady Ashley.

His son Douglas Fairbanks, jun., by a former marriage, is also a prominent screen star and his most recent film in the Colony was "The Sun Never Sets."

**JAPAN REAPS
FRUITS OF
AGGRESSION**

**GENERAL SHORTAGE
OF COMMODITIES**

TOKYO, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—The Japanese General Chamber of Commerce yesterday requested the Government to take urgent measures regarding the supply of daily necessities to the people and the distribution of materials indispensable to industry.

Lack of smoothness in the distribution of rice and other commodities it was pointed out, was causing unrest in the minds of the people, while lack of supplies and materials was putting small and medium industrialists in a difficult position.

**RICE SHORTAGE
IN JAPAN**

**"LOW PRICE" POLICY
OF GOVERNMENT**

TOKYO, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—The rice shortage situation continues to engross the attention of the whole nation.

An urgent meeting of Ministry of Agriculture officials broke up at midnight after drawing up measures which planned to force farmers to sell hoarded stocks. These measures are being considered by the Cabinet today.

This afternoon the Cabinet will hold a conference with the Central Price Fixing Commission.

COMMISSION'S DEMAND
The Asahi today asserts that the Commission is no longer alone capable of coping with the tendency of prices to get out of control and is, therefore, demanding the Government to recognise that closer co-operation between the Price Commission and the Government is urgently needed.

The newspaper says it is understood that the Commission takes a very critical view of the Government's manner of carrying out its "low price" policy.

**Japan - Soviet
Fisheries'
Squabble**

**QUESTION AGAIN
RAISED BY PRESS**

TOKYO, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—The Japanese press is again engaged with the fisheries question.

One paper states that the view is rising in some quarters that if the Soviets continue in their present attitude, Japan will take definite measures to look after her northern rights. The question might soon become a matter of serious concern.

**ARMY DISSATISFIED
WITH CABINETS
ATTITUDE**

TOKYO, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—Adding to the Government's troubles, the Army which has hitherto positively supported the Abe Cabinet in connection with the settlement of the "China Incident," and internal policies are becoming concerned and dissatisfied with the Cabinet's evasive attitude regarding the establishment of a Trade Ministry and also the abolition of the ordinance guaranteeing the status of civil officials.

LACK OF ABILITY
According to the Miyako Shim-bun, the Army fears that the Cabinet is showing an increasing lack of ability to settle the various vital domestic issues and to regulate the complex relations with third powers to settle the "China Incident." The paper, therefore, forecasts that the War Ministry is likely to make representation to the Cabinet urging the adoption of a positive attitude in pursuit of the policies to which the Cabinet is committed.

**SECRET SESSION
OF PARLIAMENT**

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—H.M. the King yesterday signed the Order-in-Council empowering Wednesday's session of Parliament to be a secret one.

**BOWLING ALLEYS
COMPETITION**

In the first round of the Singles Handicap Competition played in the Hongkong Bowling Alleys last evening S. A. Ismail defeated R. H. Duddridge by 557 points to 422. Ismail received a handicap of plus 25 and Duddridge plus 9.

Also at the Alleys last evening a friendly game of duck pins was played between U.S.S. Tulsa and U.S.S. Mindanao, resulting in a win by the former by 88 pins.

Scores:
U.S.S. TULSA: J. A. Vasko 551, O. F. Drewes 484, C. T. Christiansen 483 and J. R. Terry 425. Total, 1943.

U.S.S. MINDANAO: D. M. Kepplinger 508, J. C. Thomas 460, R. L. Reichold 440 and H. F. Hirschberg 429. Total, 1837.

Colonel Denys Reitz, South African Minister for Native Affairs, left Portugal on Monday on his way home. Col. Reitz stopped over in Portugal for a few days after his visit to Britain.—(Reuter).

**Japan's Huge Bank Note
Issue Totals
Over 5,000
Million Yen**

TOKYO, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—The Asahi, after a careful general survey, declares that the Note Issues of the Bank of Japan and other yen-linked currencies in East Asia to the end of November totalled 4,044,000,000 yen, compared with 2,948,000,000 yen during the year ended November, 1938.

1939 ESTIMATES
The Asahi estimates that the Bank of Japan Note Issue up to Dec. 31 will approximate 3,650,000,000 yen, the Bank of Chosen 420,000,000 yen, the Bank of For-

mosa 170,000,000 yen, the Manchukuo Central Bank 670,000,000 yen, the North China Federal Reserve Bank 367,000,000 yen, the Inner Mongolian Bank 54,000,000 yen, making a grand total of 5,331,000,000 yen, excluding Military Notes throughout China, all secured to the Bank of Japan's gold reserve.

HUGE INCREASE

The grand total shows an increase of 1,370,000,000 yen, compared with Dec. 31 last year and 2,198,000,000 yen against the same date in 1937.

General Paf Chung-hsi, Director of the Generalissimo's Provisional Headquarters for the Southwest, has sent a message of condolence to the family of the late Marshal Wu Pei-fu. He highly praised the Marshal's integrity.—(Central News).

FOREIGN MAILS

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, 13th DECEMBER, 1939, 9.30 A.M.

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Haiphong	15th Dec.
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Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 9th Dec.	17th Dec.
Straits	17th Dec.
Calcutta, Straits and Saigon	17th Dec.
Haiphong	17th Dec.
Shanghai	17th Dec.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco Date 5th December.	18th Dec.
Straits and Manila	18th Dec.
Japan and Shanghai	18th Dec.
Straits	18th Dec.
Europe via Suez and Straits (London date, 13th November)	20th Dec.
Straits	20th Dec.
Java and Manila	20th Dec.
Rabaul	20th Dec.
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Australia and Manila	21st Dec.
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Japan	22nd Dec.
Japan and Shanghai	23rd Dec.
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Calcutta and Straits	25th Dec.

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For	Date and Time
WEDNESDAY	Wed. 13th
Shanghai and Straits only for Tientsin	8.30 AM
Manila, Makassar and Sourabaya	8.30 AM
Parcels only for Swatow	10.30 AM
Swatow & Formosa	10.30 AM
Haiphong	1.00 PM
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Airmail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"—due Paris 21st December	Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM
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THURSDAY	Thu. 14th
Sandakan	8.30 AM
Fort Bayard	1.30 PM
Amoy	4.00 PM
Amoy	7.00 PM
FRIDAY	Fri. 15th
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America via Vancouver B.C. (Parcels for Canada only)—due Vancouver B.C. 1st Jan. 1940	G.P.O. & K.P.O. Par. 14th 5.00 PM Reg. 15th 9.15 AM Ord. 16th 10.00 AM
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Haiphong	2.00 PM
SATURDAY	Sat. 16th
Canton	7.15 AM
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Amoy	San. 17th 9.00 AM
SUNDAY	
MONDAY	Mon. 18th
Shanghai	8.30 AM
Saigon, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 14th January 1940	G.P.O. & K.P.O. Reg. 8.45 AM Ord. 9.30 AM
Canton	7.00 PM
Japan	7.00 PM
TUESDAY	Tue. 19th
Airmail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U. S. A. by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco 25th December	K.P.O. Reg. 18th 5.00 PM Ord. 18th 5.30 PM
	G.P.O. Reg. 18th 5.00 PM Ord. 18th 7.30 AM

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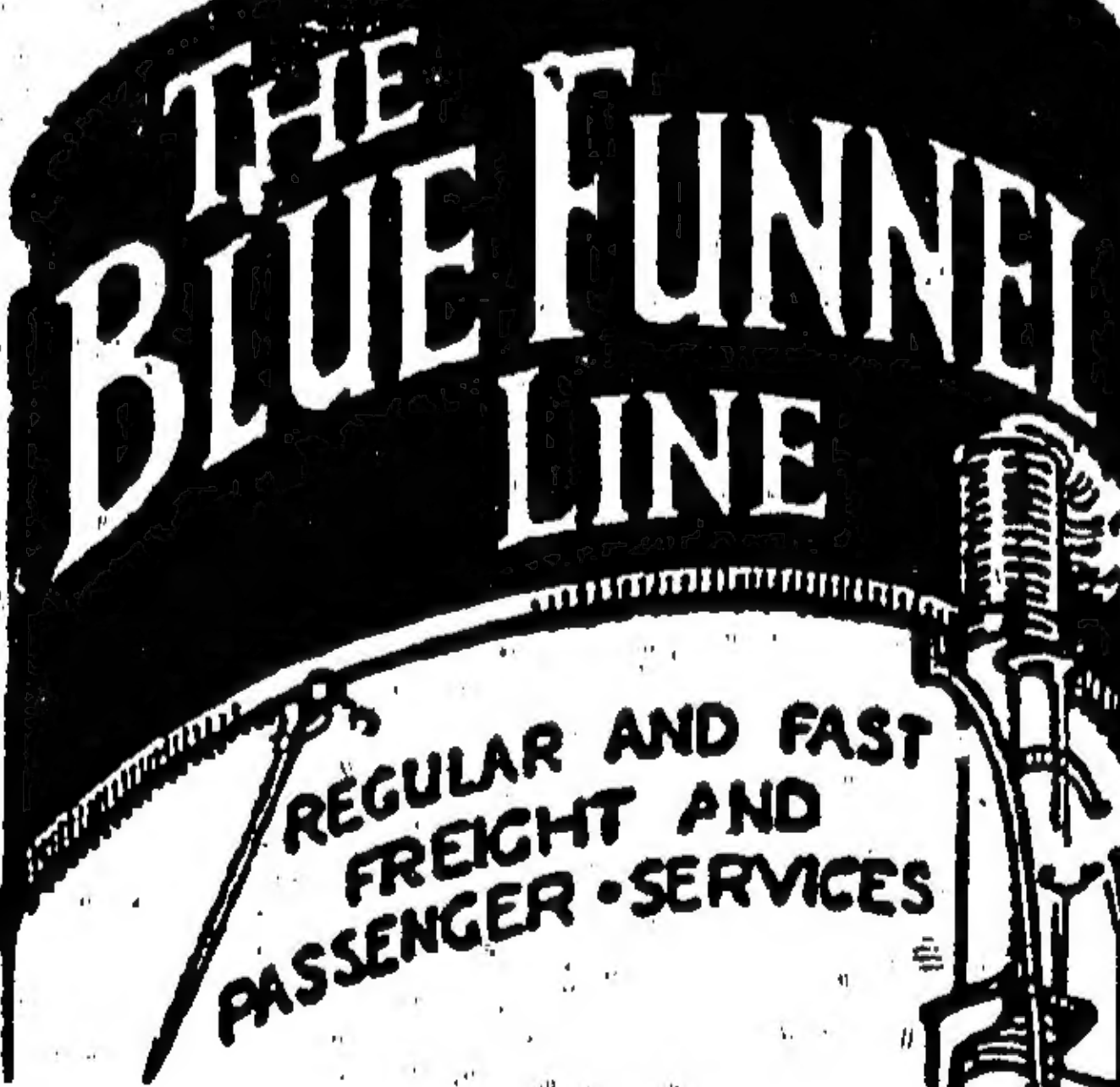
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